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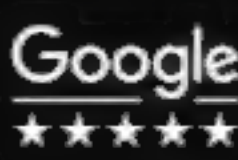
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Crews pour concrete at one of the Bears paw feeder main repair sites on 16th Avenue in Montgomery on Thursday morning. The city plans to reopen 16th Avenue, with a few lane closures, on Monday. **CAYIN YOUNG**

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Water restrictions to end earlier than city expected

Repairs to Bears paw feeder main could be finished by the weekend

HIREN MANSUKHANI

City officials say the long-awaited repairs to Calgary's Bears paw south feeder main will be completed as early as the weekend, with water restrictions ending by Sept. 22, a week ahead of schedule.

"On behalf of all Calgarians, I would like to thank and congratulate all of the crews and the teams who have been working tirelessly to help secure the safety of our water system," Mayor Jyoti Gondek told reporters Thursday.

"We can actually see the finish line now."

City general manager Michael Thompson said sections of 33rd Avenue, east of 83rd Street, will

reopen over the weekend and, as a result, residents in the area will once again be able to park their vehicles in front of their homes. The city will also reopen 16th Avenue with a few lane closures on Monday, while portions of 33rd Avenue west of 86th Street will be accessible to the public sometime next week.

Francois Bouchart, director of capital priorities and investment, also gave a progress report on the repairs. The city has finished fixing 20 of the 21 pipe segments at four out of eight sites at 33rd Avenue NW and Shouldice Park; workers are now backfilling and paving those portions. The city has completed repairs on the fourth

site and has removed equipment from the area. Sites one and three have been backfilled and are now being paved. At the fifth site, one remaining excavation is underway, and two segments are being backfilled. Meanwhile, sites six to eight have been excavated and filled with concrete and are now being backfilled.

Thompson added while this week's rainfall will allow residents to conserve more water, it can impact the paving of the sites.

All the work is expected to be completed by the weekend, after which the feeder main will be restored in three steps: filling, testing and stabilizing.

The pipe, which serves 60 per cent of the city's demand for water, will be filled and then tested to see if it meets the city's standards. **SEE WATER ON A2**

Alberta can't accept more refugees, Smith says in pushback against Ottawa

MATTHEW BLACK

EDMONTON Premier Danielle Smith says her province "is not open" to accepting more relocated asylum seekers, citing "shared values" and cost, something the federal government says it's open to providing.

Ottawa is considering a plan to relocate tens of thousands of asylum seekers across Canada to take the pressure off of the most populous provinces of Ontario and Quebec, according to an internal briefing note obtained by Postmedia.

The majority of the 295,825 people seeking asylum in Canada do so in those two provinces, and the federal government is seeking

to better spread that population across the country.

On Thursday, Smith issued a statement indicating that while Alberta will continue to welcome newcomers who "possess our shared values," the province is not open to settling further additional asylum seekers.

"Excessive levels of immigration to this province is increasing the cost of living and strains public services for everyone," it states.

"We simply cannot afford it."

Alberta has more than 9,700 asylum claims open, a number that would grow to 27,827 should it receive the number of claims proportional to its population.

In comparison, British Columbia would receive more than 32,500 people and Nova Scotia would see 4,952 refugees under the proposed plan.

ALBERTA'S POPULATION CONTINUES TO BOOM

Alberta is home to about 12 per cent of Canada's population, but is supporting 22 per cent of the Ukrainian evacuees in the country, according to Smith's statement.

In March, she wrote an open letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau saying federal immigration limits were undercutting Alberta's economy.

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Parks Canada's planned fireguard will run from Mount St. Piran to the north of the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise and across the Bow Valley. FILES

'Urgency is high' for wildfire guard

Parks Canada removing undergrowth in Lake Louise to defend against blazes

BILL KAUFMANN

Parks Canada is preparing to cut a massive wildfire guard in the Lake Louise area to defend against the type of blaze that destroyed a large portion of the Jasper townsite.

While the work that will mechanically remove timber and undergrowth from an area the size of 300 U.S. football fields across the Bow Valley has been planned for several years, recent massive wildfires in Alberta that have torched towns show the critical need for the task, said David Tavernini, acting fire and vegetation specialist for the Lake Louise-Yoho-Kootenay field unit.

"The urgency is high — the sooner we can do this work effectively and meet our wildfire risk reduction and ecological mandates, the better the position we're in to manage wildfires," said Tavernini.

The work that could start as soon as November and continue for the next two or three winters will create a fireguard running from Mount St. Piran just to the north of the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise to the parking lot and ski runs of the Lake Louise ski hill

across the Bow Valley.

It's a continuation of fire mitigation around Protection Mountain in Banff National Park, at Ross Lake in Yoho National Park and forest thinning near the chateau, said Tavernini.

"(The Lake Louise Fire Guard) is by the far the largest of these," he said, adding the work also ties into FireSmart defences immediately around buildings.

"That (FireSmart) work is some of the highest priority work — it creates defensible space around communities and allows us to have multiple options and tools in our tool box."

The fireguard that will ultimately encompass 165.4 hectares will not only provide a fire break but space to deploy sprinklers and aid in aerial fire suppression, said Tavernini.

Some of the harvested timber will be sold commercially, he said.

Scientists say climate change has led to drought conditions, drying forest fuel that makes wildfires easier to ignite and more intense, while increasing the frequency of lightning that sparks many of them.

It's believed the Jasper National Park wildfire that forced the evacuation of about 25,000 people — 5,000 of whom live in the Jasper townsite — was ignited by lightning.

Tavernini agreed, saying he and his colleagues also have to work harder against the clock.

"With climate change, our fire season is starting earlier and ending later," he said.

He and other experts say wildfire suppression in the national park over the past century has made the forest more combustible.

A number of wildfires have broken out in the Lake Louise area in recent years but have crews have managed to quickly bring them under control, said Tavernini.

The largest blaze in the general vicinity was the Verdant Creek Wildfire that burned in adjacent Kootenay National Park in 2017, he added.

MEASURES TO REDUCE ESTHETIC IMPACT

Parks Canada foresters will take measures to reduce the fireguard's esthetic impacts in an area extremely popular with tourists, said the Parks Canada official.

"We take mapping and elevation data from various lookouts and we can make some minor tweaks and

add some curves to make it look more natural," said Tavernini.

Also planned for this fall is mechanical thinning in the Tunnel Mountain area to reduce wildfire risks to the Banff townsite, Canmore and Harvie Heights.

Meanwhile, the Town of Canmore will soon begin building a fireguard that will extend from Banff National Park's east gate to Dead Man's Flats to the east of the town.

The work will include harvesting and thinning wooded areas to slow the pace of wildfires.

Prioritized areas are Harvie Heights, Stonework Creek and the east park gates, with work beginning in October, town officials said. "Typical wind conditions and topography suggest that wildfire will spread more quickly in these areas," states the town's Bow Valley Community Fireguard web page.

"South-facing slopes pose a greater risk than other slope directions, as south-facing vegetation is exposed to more sun and dries out faster."

Construction of the fireguard will continue over the next three to five years, with work following in the area of the Canmore Nordic Centre and in the vicinity of Dead Man's Flats.

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Alberta's population grew by 200,000 last year

MIGRANT FROM A1

Her letter called on Trudeau to double the number of allotments to Alberta under the Provincial Nominee Program as well as to allow for a further 10,000 more allocations for Ukraine evacuees.

Alberta added an all-time record of more than 200,000 people last year, amounting to a 4.4 per cent growth in population, by far the most of any province.

Alberta has seen its population

balloon in recent years from just over four million in 2014 to 4.8 million a decade later with some of that growth coming as a result of the province's own "Alberta is Calling" marketing campaign that launched in 2022 to lure Canadians from other parts of the country.

Last month, Finance Minister Nate Horner said the province's population boom was bolstering Alberta's income tax revenues but also coincidentally straining government programs and infrastructure.

'FUNDING FOR THOSE WILLING TO WELCOME ASYLUM SEEKERS'

In a statement, the office for federal Immigration Minister Marc Miller noted that Canada is not immune to the "unprecedented" flows of asylum seekers seen across the world.

"We are willing to co-ordinate with our counterparts on transfers and supports, however any movement of asylum seekers will require both the consent of the claimants and that of the prov-

inces," it reads.

"This is work we cannot do alone, nor unilaterally."

It says Miller has met with his provincial counterparts to discuss the plan, including "federal funding for those willing to welcome asylum seekers."

New Brunswick Premier Blaine Higgs also spoke out against the plan Wednesday, stating, "the Trudeau government is essentially saying, 'Here are 4,600 people, figure it out.'"

Miller told reporters later in the day that Higgs's comments were "irresponsible."

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Keep conserving water: officials

WATER FROM A1

If the results aren't satisfactory, the water will be flushed out and filled again. Once the supply is safe for drinking, the city will open the valves of the feeder main to connect the pipe to the rest of the water distribution system. The city expects the entire process to last until Sunday, Sept. 22.

Until then, officials say, residents must keep up their efforts to save

water. Bouchart said the city's water consumption on Wednesday hovered at 484 million litres, lower than the city's threshold to ensure alternative sources of water are maintained to avoid any damages.

"I want to thank all Calgarians, businesses and those in our surrounding communities for your continuing efforts to save water," Bouchart said. "We are really seeing the difference, and it is a huge relief to our plant operators and

the water team."

Gondek said that once the feeder main is repaired, the city will review the causes of the feeder main's rupture and how the city handled the issue.

The latest construction of the Bearspaw south feeder main — an 11-kilometre line running east from the Bearspaw treatment plant along the Bow River — is a second round of repairs being undertaken at the pipe, which initially burst in June. An inspection in August, after the first vulnerabilities were fixed, found additional signs of weakness in the structure. Officials

sounded the alarm, saying emergency repairs were needed to be applied now to reduce the chance of another major water main break during the winter months.

Once the independent review provides the city with important information, Gondek said she will co-ordinate with her counterparts in the provincial and federal governments.

"We've seen this year, no city, big or small, is able to escape the effects of aging infrastructure, but we can fix that with stronger collaboration between all three orders of government," she said.

Police defend photo radar

Province's plan to restrict use would make roads less safe, chiefs say

STEPHEN TIPPER

Southern Alberta police chiefs are raising serious concerns about the Alberta government's plan to drastically curtail the use of photo radar.

The province is reportedly preparing to release new guidelines for Automatic Traffic Enforcement (ATE), which includes photo radar and cameras at intersections, in December.

In a statement to Postmedia, Transportation and Economic Corridors Minister Devin Dreeshen said the province is looking to finalize approved locations for photo radar by the end of the year "with a primary focus on sensitive areas such as school, playground, and construction zones."

The province wants to make sure photo radar is used for traffic safety rather than revenue generation, said Dreeshen, whose ministry had discussions this summer with municipalities and law enforcement over getting rid of photo radar "fishing hole" locations. But police chiefs warn that cutting back ATE use would make Alberta roads less safe.

"Removing or restricting the ability for police agencies in Alberta to deploy evidence based ATE will absolutely reduce safety on our roadways and in our communities," said Alberta Association of Chiefs of Police president Mark Neufeld, Calgary's police chief, in a statement.

Traffic and road safety is an important issue for Albertans, so police across the province will need to increase in-person enforcement, reducing the ability of police to "deal with other important safety priorities," said Neufeld.

In a separate Calgary Police Service statement, Neufeld said there's clear evidence that automated traffic enforcement reduces speeds, and that in turn reduces both the number and seriousness of collisions.



Photo radar should be a traffic-safety device, not a revenue producer, Transportation Minister Devin Dreeshen says. POSTMEDIA FILES

Lethbridge's police chief Shahin Mehdizadeh has also said he's in favour of ATE, saying it helps keep drivers accountable.

Taber Police Service Chief Dr. Graham Abela said the main use of photo radar in smaller communities is to enforce speed limits in school and playground zones, as well as at pedestrian intersections crossing major highways.

Taber, about 50 kilometres east of Lethbridge, is divided by two major highways, 3 and 36, and has residences on the north and south sides of the community.

"Our schools are primarily located on the north side of the community, and there's a large population that has to cross the road on a major highway to access schools, so I have a concern there," said Taber's police chief.

Since the town of roughly 9,700 residents has had automatic traffic enforcement in place — it's been at least 15 years — there hasn't been a traffic fatality in the community, said Abela.

"Now I can't say that that's attributable or causal to the use of

photo radar, but it's a fact," he said.

In community surveys, Taber residents have strongly indicated that traffic issues should be a priority for Taber police.

Reducing ATE would mean police officers would spend more time on traffic enforcement and less on other policing priorities, he said.

"I'm not sure if the province is going to fund the increased resources that we will require to do that," said Abela.

The Taber Police Service is going to need more funding to do that traffic enforcement, said Abela, mentioning that photo radar revenue in Taber goes to the municipality and not the police service.

"That money is going to have to be found somewhere else, and that's going to have to come from the taxpayer," he said.

Loss of photo radar would be a big financial hit for southern Alberta town.

Coaldale Mayor Jack Van Rijn said photo radar is a \$600,000 budget item for the southern Alberta town of about 9,300 resi-

dents, located 20 kilometres east of Lethbridge.

Coaldale has two photo radar locations along Highway 3 and those photo radar locations are announced ahead of time to the public.

Photo radar money goes toward operating and capital costs for the town's community peace officer program, safety improvements around town, such as installing signal lights or pedestrian crossings, and programs run by local non-profits, including one by the volunteer firefighters association that recently provided school supplies to struggling families.

"That money is earmarked for specific points within our budget that are very, very important to us," said Van Rijn.

Curtailling photo radar would result in layoffs, he said.

"We're not going to have the revenue we had in the past to keep a full complement of staff in our community policing operations," he said, adding the photo radar position would have to be reassigned.

With the use of photo radar only

in school and pedestrian zones, or around construction sites, the few tickets the town would be able to give out wouldn't pay enough to maintain the expensive equipment, he said.

"The safety of our students is paramount, but when it comes down to budget dollars, we've got to either cut services or projects of some sort," said Van Rijn.

"For Coaldale it's going to be a definite hit."

Coaldale will ask the local RCMP detachment to increase its traffic enforcement to make up some of the revenue, said Van Rijn.

While 70 per cent of photo radar tickets given out in Coaldale are to out-of-town drivers, motorists who get tickets become more aware of their speed no matter where they're from, he said.

Coaldale's mayor, who recently paid a \$216 photo radar ticket after going 20 km/h over the speed limit locally, called photo radar tickets an "education tax."

"Lesson learned. I'll be more careful and mindful of the speed limit," he said.

New rules aim to silence noisy vehicles in Calgary

SCOTT STRASSER

By next spring, squealing your tires, revving your engine or blaring your stereo on Calgary's streets could net you a hefty ticket if your vehicle produces excessive noise levels.

The city is forging ahead on long-awaited plans to address overly loud vehicles, the latest development being a council committee's unanimous support of amendments to Calgary's traffic bylaw.

While the changes still need to be supported by a majority of council, the amendments endorsed Thursday by the community development committee would give Calgary's bylaw officers more power to clamp down on ear-piercing vehicle noise, according to the city's top bylaw officer.

"Noise is a bit nebulous and it's always difficult to enforce," said Ryan Pleckaitis, the city's chief of the community standards division.

"A little more objective criteria will help from an enforcement lens

and also a prosecutorial standpoint."

The city has been working for years to combat noisy vehicles, which some councillors indicate have become a recurring complaint in their wards.

Though both provincial and municipal laws currently legislate activities related to excessive vehicle sounds, Pleckaitis noted that it's challenging for bylaw officers to enforce those rules under the current traffic bylaw's language.

The proposed amendments include improved definitions for what constitutes "objectionable" noise, as well as restricting the use of engine retarder brakes to commercial vehicles and increased fines related to excessive vehicle sounds.

The changes would prohibit vehicles from emitting sound that exceeds 92 decibels when measured by a sound meter at a distance of 50 centimetres from the exhaust outlet when the vehicle is idling, or anything over 96 decibels when measured from the same distance

while the vehicle is moving.

Most vehicles that exceed those decibel levels have typically modified their mufflers or exhaust systems, Pleckaitis noted.

Administration also recommended replacing the existing fine structure for causing objectionable noise with a \$270 violation ticket.

The amendments also outline that an operator of a vehicle must comply with testing instructions if requested by an officer, and that refusing a sound test would net motorists a \$300 ticket.

TRAFFIC SAFETY TEAM TO HELP LIGHTEN POLICE WORKLOAD

Last year, administration proposed creating a new traffic safety team that would consist of eight peace officers and one sergeant, who would be specifically trained to police excessive vehicular noise.

While Calgary police already enforce various sections of the provincial Traffic Safety Act related to excessive noise, having additional peace officers will help the city complement those efforts, according to Pleckaitis.

He called the bylaw amendments "one more tool in the tool kit" for when officers come across an overly loud vehicle.

"The only agency right now



A new squad could be enforcing loud-vehicle rules by spring. JIM WELLS

dealing with vehicle noise or any moving vehicle violations is the Calgary Police Service," Pleckaitis said. "As everyone knows, they have lots of different priorities and are stretched quite thin."

"(The traffic safety team) is supposed to lighten their workload so they can focus on higher risk situations."

The traffic safety team will not only deal with vehicle noise in the spring and summer months, according to Pleckaitis, but also assist CPS with speed detection in school and playground zones.

With vehicle noise being a somewhat seasonal issue, he said he hopes the new enforcement team

will be in effect by next spring.

Until then, the city's top bylaw officer said the city wants to put on amnesty events, where motorists can come test their vehicle's noise volumes to ensure they're compliant, without risking a ticket.

The city already has the necessary noise measuring devices in place and if the bylaw changes are passed by council, Pleckaitis said they will be accompanied by a comprehensive public education campaign in 2025.

"Later in the summertime, if you're using a vehicle that's been modified to disturb communities, you can expect to be pulled over, have your vehicle tested and likely receive a ticket," he said.

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A WATERY COMMUTE Heavy rainfall throughout the night and day had commuters dashing for cover on Thursday. Expect more rain this weekend.

Transit bylaw amendments aim to better protect bus and train drivers

SCOTT STRASSER

Proposed tweaks to Calgary's transit bylaw intend to better protect bus and train operators from certain illicit passenger behaviours. Councillors on the city's community development committee voted unanimously Thursday to endorse amendments that would give transit peace officers more authority to deal with activities such as loitering, using fake or altered passes, fare evasion and "non-destination" use of transit. A report from administration outlines that more than 800 of Calgary Transit's 2,500 bus and train operators identified personal safety as their primary work concern, noting operators often experience harassment, unpredictable behaviour and open drug use from passengers while performing their duties. Administration sought feedback from 90 transit peace safety officers and more than 800 transit operators to gauge their lived experiences on the job, as well as to understand challenges that impede their ability to deliver transit service. "The proposed amendments will benefit Calgarians by improving the tools for transit peace officers to protect public safety and ensure a safe experience for riders and staff," Sean Fontaine, a business strategist with emergency management and community safety, told the committee. Among the amendments is a provision that gives transit peace officers the authority to demand

proof of age for transit users under the age of 12, who are allowed to ride transit for free. Committee chair Courtney Walcott said the change would support peace officers in cases where transit users who are clearly older than 12 are adamant they are younger. He argued some older users have taken advantage of the knowledge that transit staff aren't currently allowed to ask or check for proof of age. "We want to make sure our peace officers, when called, have the ability to ask," Walcott said. Another amendment clarifies that riders cannot carry a visible weapon while using transit, including but not limited to knives, hatchets, machetes, batons or imitation firearms. The changes would also double the fines users receive for verbally harassing, intimidating or threat-



Calgary Transit peace officers may soon have the authority to demand proof of age for transit users under the age of 12. BRENT CALVER FILES

ening transit operators, riders and staff, meaning aggressive passengers could potentially pay up to \$600 for such behaviour. Definitions are also included for what constitutes "loitering," while another clause adds that non-destination use of transit is not excused by having paid for a bus or train pass. Finally, the changes would remove existing time restrictions to allow bicycles to be brought onto CTrains, noting a recent pilot project allowing for bikes on the trains resulted in minimal impacts to overcrowding during peak service periods. The proposed changes come nearly a year after Calgary city council approved a \$15-million transit safety strategy that intends to reduce illicit and illegal behaviour on transit by bolstering the presence of law enforcement

on the CTrain and at certain LRT stations. The strategy has started to pay dividends, with the city's most recent public surveys suggesting Calgarians have felt safer using transit this year than they did in 2023. The city also reported there were 21 per cent fewer calls related to social disorder on transit in the first quarter of 2024 than the same time period in 2023. Ward 5 Coun. Raj Dhaliwal said the transit bylaw amendments would build on the success of that strategy. "I'm very hopeful that transit again becomes the mode of transportation of choice," he said. "In every successful city, transit is the backbone of that city. "Having a safe transit is very important to (many of my constituents). Some of them work late-night shifts." Applauding "the amazing work" taken in the last few years to improve public safety on Calgary Transit, Ward 1 Coun. Sonya Sharp added the amendments would be "equipping our transit peace officers with what they need." "These jobs are not easy and I think people don't realize that," she said. "It doesn't take long to judge, but walk a mile in someone's shoes who have to deal with the day to day, you have a better appreciation for it." While the committee voted 8-0 in support of the changes, the amendments still need to be approved by city council as a whole before they are entrenched in the bylaw.

Fildebrandt denies he threatened to shoot teens near his home

KEVIN MARTIN

Former MLA Derek Fildebrandt denied Thursday he threatened to shoot a group of teenagers who had gathered outside his home, adding he was just channelling "Grampa Simpson" when he told police he'd waved his cane at them. Fildebrandt, who faces four charges of uttering threats on April 13, 2023, said he believed the boys had vandalized lawn ornaments and signs he posted asking people to stop their dogs from defecating on his lawn. And he told defence lawyer Alain Hepner he only tried to stop the teens to hold them responsible for their conduct when they attempted to flee the area. "I yelled to them to stop, come back or I will call the police," Fildebrandt said, contradicting evidence Wednesday from three of the four teenagers who testified for the Crown and said he threatened to shoot them. The former Wildrose and United Conservative Party MLA said he had just returned home from a business trip when he saw a group of teens on the sidewalk outside his Crestmont residence. "It's very rare for anyone to stand in front of our house," Fildebrandt said. "They appeared to be there suspiciously." He said his lawn signs and ornaments had been damaged or stolen in the past and he feared that's what the group of boys was up to, so he made sure they could see he was watching them from inside his home. "I was extremely suspicious," the accused said. According to the teens, they were heading to a nearby convenience store to pick up some snacks and were waiting there for a female friend to come join them. Fildebrandt, 38, who at the time was walking with a cane due to a motorcycle crash, said he went outside to confront them and after the teens fled he found one sign vandalized and others missing. "It was my belief at the time, rightly or wrongly, that they were responsible," he told Hepner. Fildebrandt decided to chase after the group in his pickup, feeling he would need to be able to identify them or provide an address for police to investigate. Crown prosecutor Stephanie Morton challenged Fildebrandt's denial he made reference to having a gun, noting a neighbour — whose home one of the boys ran to — confronted him about having a weapon. Morton noted Fildebrandt never mentioned his conversation with Vanessa Lunse in his statements to police. "That was the first time somebody accused you of having a gun, correct?" Morton asked. "That was her testimony," Fildebrandt said. And he admitted telling police he waved his cane at the boys and told them to get off his lawn. "I was trying to be a little funny with the cops, I was trying to do my Grampa Simpson," KMartin@postmedia.com

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In the spring of 2007, the oil-sands were booming and Alberta had just led the country in annual economic growth that topped six per cent.

It seemed a curious time to be touting diversification and the tech sector, particularly as benchmark oil prices were relatively healthy and about to begin a historic run to more than US\$145 a barrel a year later.

Yet, a blue-ribbon report for the Alberta government, chaired by one of the stars of Alberta's high-tech scene — David Martin of SMART Technologies — studied how to cultivate the province's nascent technology industry and commercialize new ideas.

"Alberta needs to accelerate its entrepreneurial engine in technology based sectors," said the panel's report to Alberta's then advanced education and technology minister, Doug Horner.

"If we are to see these outcomes in the next 15-20 years, we need to act now."

Seventeen years later, those actions have paid off, along with a confluence of other steps and factors that have enabled rapid growth.

Alberta's tech sector has shown impressive gains in recent years, with surging venture capital investment, new startups being formed, and thousands of jobs being created.

"I remember saying to the minister, 'This is a 20-year project,

and you can't let go of it. And you need to continue to be nurturing it,'" Martin, now the chair of Calgary-based Nureva Inc., recalled in an interview this week.

"Somewhere in there, the little pieces of ignition — pieces that would cause growth to happen — all came together."

Last week, a study released by commercial real estate firm CBRE found that tech talent employment in Calgary has soared by 78 per cent over the past five years to almost 60,000 people, the highest growth rate among North American cities. (Toronto had the largest overall employment growth, adding almost 96,000 positions — a 44 per cent increase.)

A report released by the Canadian Venture Capital Association (CVCA) last month showed Alberta outpaced British Columbia in venture capital investment attraction in the first half of this year, the first time that's happened.

Alberta-based companies raised \$383 million through 41 separate deals. Back in 2006, total venture capital investment in Alberta, outside of the oil and gas sector, barely moved the needle at less than \$40 million.

"Lack of access to investment capital is clearly the most formidable obstacle for emerging Alberta firms in the advanced technology industry," the 2007 panel's report stated.

The study made seven recommendations to spur growth in technology firms and advance commercialization efforts. Those included the creation of a new \$100-million fund — to be known as the Alberta Enterprise Corp. (AEC) — to co-invest government money into early-stage venture capital funds that would



Nureva's David Martin says that early efforts years ago have greatly benefited Alberta's technology sector in the present day. "I remember saying to (Alberta's then advanced education and technology minister Doug Horner), 'this is a 20-year project,'" he says. **GAVIN YOUNG**

be accessible to firms in the province.

The report suggested taking specific steps to increase access to financing for startups and early stage firms; several recommendations were later adopted by the Stelmach government.

Martin had co-founded SMART Technologies with his wife Nancy Knowlton in 1987 and understood the daunting challenges facing tech entrepreneurs in Alberta. The company, best known for its interactive whiteboards being used in the White House Situation Room and school classrooms, later grew to a firm with 2,300 employees at its peak.

He remembered the difficulties the company faced during its formative years attracting investment, and how that situation has evolved over time.

"In Alberta, we had really successful activity going on in oil and gas and other sectors, and no one wanted to start investing in technology companies because it was an unknown," said Martin.

"We're at a point (today) where critical mass is possible... We've got enough successes going on that people will pay attention."

Several factors led to the changing fortunes, but Martin believes the report and its findings, including the creation of the AEC, provided a "spark."

He credits the government of the day for taking a longer-term view and enacting the recommendations.

In 2009, fewer than 750 tech firms were operating in Alberta.

A report released in May for the AEC identified 2,378 tech firms in the province last year, up three per cent from 2021 levels — and a whopping 223 per cent over the previous 14 years.

About 63 per cent of these companies are based in Calgary and 29 per cent in Edmonton. Most operate in the information and communications technology fields, health and life sciences, and the clean tech area.

Meanwhile, between 2017 and 2023, the venture capital dollars coming into Alberta shot up from \$34 million to more than \$700 million last year, according to CVCA data. The amount of money raised by Alberta-based firms this year represented 11 per cent of the total across Canada, roughly equal to the province's share of the Canadian population.

Several startups have turned into billion-dollar unicorns, while large funding rounds have been announced by Alberta companies such as Symend, Jobber and ClearSky Global in recent years.

By the end of March, AEC had made \$367 million of investments in 35 venture capital funds that finance tech companies. These funds and their partners had invested \$1.3 billion in 87 tech firms in the province.

"People are seeing the advantage of running a company out of Canada and out of Alberta, in

particular," said AEC chief executive Kristina Williams, citing an excellent quality of life and affordable cost of living.

"We still have to compete for the capital and be competitive with companies that are located in (Silicon) Valley, that are located in Quebec, that are located in Toronto. And let's be honest, we still are behind those markets in the proportionate amount of capital that we want to attract."

James Lochrie, managing partner and co-founder of Calgary-based Thin Air Labs, which invests in startup firms, believes the energy industry slowdown a decade ago also acted as a catalyst for growth.

As jobs in the oil and gas sector disappeared, entrepreneurs with new ideas started up companies and were able to find talented staff and resources to expand.

Alberta also has an entrepreneurial attitude, skilled workers, and post-secondary institutions that have played a key role in developing ideas that have been commercialized, Lochrie added.

"Success breeds success, and it's hard to ignore when the numbers start to get larger, as we are starting to see in Alberta," he said.

"Investors who are covering all of Canada need to start paying attention, or they're just going to miss out on some amazing opportunities here."

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Rocky View County death a ‘targeted attack’: RCMP

STEVEN WILHELM

One man is dead after RCMP responded to a fire on the side of a road about 20 kilometres east of Calgary. Around 1:35 a.m. on Wednesday a motorist informed police of a fire on Township Road 233 near Highway 791 in Rocky View County.

Once the fire was out, a deceased person was discovered, police say. “RCMP believe this was a targeted attack and do not believe there is any danger to the public,” read a media release issued Thursday morning. “We have a significant number of resources focused on apprehending the individual(s) responsible and on protecting the

public.” Investigations are underway, and RCMP are looking for anyone who may have information or dashcam footage of the area between 12:30 a.m. and 2:30 a.m. Police are also seeking dashcam footage from anyone who was driving west or east between those times on Highway 560, west of the Glenmore and

Stoney Trail overpass. An autopsy was to be completed on Thursday in Calgary. A person, who requested their name not be published, lives near where the incident occurred and

told Postmedia that this was unusual for the area. “Living here for last 14 years, (I’ve) never seen this kind of stuff before,” they said. — With files from Jim Wells

Police seek information on July Evanston shooting

STEVEN WILHELM

Police are hoping the public can provide information about a shooting that happened in the northwest community of Evanston. On Thursday, July 11 around 12:45 a.m. police responded to reports of a shooting at a residence in the 300 block of Evanspark Garden N.W. Leading up to the incident, police say it is believed the victim was travelling in his vehicle, before arriving home. As the victim parked in his driveway, police said, “Two suspects

emerged from a vehicle parked nearby and began shooting at the victim’s vehicle.” Attempting to flee the scene in his vehicle, the victim collided with a nearby fence. He sustained serious injuries and was transported to hospital following the incident. “The suspect vehicle is described as a dark grey Jeep Grand Cherokee with black rims and a dent on the back passenger-side,” said police in a Thursday media release. Police continue to search for three suspects in relation to the incident.

The first is described as a man with a medium build who was wearing dark blue sweatpants, a balaclava-style mask, black runners and black gloves. Police say the second is described as a man with a slim build, wearing “dark-coloured” sweatpants, a black long-sleeve sweater and black gloves. The third suspect remained inside the vehicle during the encounter. Anyone with information can contact police by calling 403-266-1234 or submit a tip anonymously through Crime Stoppers.

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Governments
are failing
displaced Jasper
residents*Directing people to homeless
shelters is unacceptable,
Sabrina Charlebois writes.*

On July 22, the town of Jasper was evacuated due to a wildfire. Two days later, this fire hit the townsites.

Forty per cent of residents have lost their homes, including three apartment buildings that housed hundreds of people.

It is now seven weeks later and our most vulnerable Jasperites are struggling.

Promises were made by the Alberta government that temporary housing was being arranged to bring Jasperites home and that hotel-stay support organized by the Red Cross would be given until it was no longer needed.

These promises have not been met and many residents have been blindsided by what has occurred this week.

The Municipality of Jasper was promised by the UCP government and the Red Cross that residents would have their Red Cross hotels extended until Sept. 17. This is not what is happening for many of the people I have spoken to.

I have spoken to families with children that have been told by the Red Cross to call the Alberta Supports hotline. When they call this number, they have been recommended to go to a homeless shelter.

No victim of the Jasper wildfire should be going to a homeless shelter. This is unacceptable.

I have spoken to people who have lost everything. They have no tenant insurance, have not qualified for employment insurance and are on temporary foreign worker visas, which means they are unable to work anywhere else but the one job in Jasper that cannot hire them back.

These people have nothing; they don't have enough money for a damage deposit and first month's rent anywhere.

I have spoken with a couple who are due to have a baby next week. On Sept. 3, they were told the Red Cross had not approved the extension on their hotel room and they needed to check out. They are now paying out of pocket for a hotel room and are planning on bringing a newborn baby back to a hotel room with no kitchen because they have no other option.

I have spoken to a man in Calgary who was told by the Red Cross he would be receiving an extension on his hotel room until Sept. 17. This was not communicated to the hotel by the Red Cross.

So everyday since, the hotel has been trying to kick him out and he spends his days calling the Alberta Supports hotline trying to get them to communicate to the hotel that he has been approved to stay for another week.

Alberta is the richest province in Canada. The UCP government must step up to the plate of helping the most vulnerable community in the province.

This situation requires immediate action. People are being left destitute now.

The lack of transparency and communication on how long the hotel aid would be going on for and the promises of extensions for everyone has left many people unprepared with no options.

The messaging that there would be temporary housing arranged for everyone, not just essential workers, has left many people waiting to go home and now they are scrambling realizing they're on their own with very limited resources.

It's been seven weeks. Where is the temporary modular housing that was promised?

Jasper is a national park. This is not only a municipal issue; this is a municipal, provincial and federal issue that requires all levels of government working together to address the lack of housing and financial support for the uninsured people of Jasper who have lost everything.

The town hall meetings had many nice things said, but where is the action? All levels of government are failing our town.

I am directing the 35 people I have spoken with to Jasper Community Outreach Services. However, after speaking with an outreach worker, it is clear to me these services are severely lacking the funding needed to aid these people in a constructive way. This must change immediately.

I sincerely hope this article makes the province aware of this situation and the dire circumstances that are evolving. If even one Jasperite spends a night on the street due to this inaction, all three levels of government will have failed us as a community.

Sabrina Charlebois is a Jasper resident whose home was lost in the wildfire. She is advocating for other victims.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Make a new deal
to fund Green Line

The three-way agreement between Calgary, the province and the federal government to build the Green Line has been breached. The city should pursue a new agreement with the federal government. Leave the province on the sidelines.

Grab the bull by the horns and ask for a minimum of \$8 billion in addition to the original contribution — \$4 billion for the Eau Claire and south leg and \$4 billion for Eau Claire and north.

The Green Line represents 46 km of mobility for Calgarians. That's what matters. An inferior southeast-only option isn't acceptable. The Green Line is six times longer than the West LRT with an (original) budget only three times larger and a challenging central section. In 2015, \$8.9 billion was a more realistic number to complete the entire route. The Green Line comes with other challenges,

in both directions. Two old landfills in the south have been removed and cleaned up and, in the north, reducing the number of level road crossings should be a priority.

The Green Line is an audacious endeavour and we need it. Calgary needs to move forward and be equally audacious in asking the federal government for the money. Let's get it done!

Robert Zalschuk, Calgary

Let's rethink how
we use our water

It seems to me that Calgarians are missing out on an important option. The current water crisis raises a question: Why are we using potable water to flush toilets and water our lawns? With urban densification becoming a major issue, it seems that there is an opportunity to get developers to design new housing in a way that utilizes grey water more efficiently, which in turn would ease the demand on the overtaxed

urban infrastructure.

Perhaps the decision-makers at city hall could take this opportunity to develop guidelines requiring new developments to reduce their use of potable water by a certain percentage. Retrofitting existing homes to this end is challenging, but is much more easily accommodated when building from scratch.

Elena Zaldivar, Calgary

It's not Gondek's
fault pipes failed

Our mayor and councillors have indeed found their political capital greatly diminished following their focus on many non-municipal issues.

All the same, Mayor Jyoti Gondek is right. It is not her fault that the half-century-old pipes have failed. We must conserve water now to avoid a deeper crisis.

To those ignoring a critical message because of contempt for the messenger, you are greedily increasing the burden for your neighbours

to bear. While she didn't have my vote, Mayor Gondek has my respect.

We must rally now as a community to show ourselves worthy of the aid we've received from other cities across the world.

If you can't respect the woman, then respect the office. And if you can't respect the office, then at least respect your neighbours.

Let's support the hard-working women and men working to fix the pipes. They are doing their best, under back-breaking pressure, to get the job done as quickly as possible so we don't face greater catastrophe.

Jerome Farkas, Calgary

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Province could make Albertans' lives easier

Budget surplus provides opportunity
to cut taxes, *Bradlee Whidden* writes.

Canadians continue struggling under the weight of an affordability crisis that shows no signs of letting up. Across the country, people feel the pinch as prices climb at checkout counters, and small-business owners are strained under sky-high operating costs.

Alberta is no exception. Here too, residents and small businesses are struggling to make ends meet. The cost of heating homes and businesses, insuring property, and keeping up with ever-increasing taxes from all levels of government are putting pressure on household and business budgets alike.

One study found that 23 per cent of Albertans had to sacrifice at least a month of basic necessities just to pay their energy bill last year — the highest rate of any Canadian province. Additionally, Albertans face the second-highest insurance premiums nationwide, just behind Ontario. As a result, this leaves Albertans with less disposable income, shrinking consumer spending, and ultimately hurting small businesses that are seeing fewer customers walk

through their doors. High interest rates and persistent inflation only compound the problem, making it no surprise that a recent survey by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) found that two in five Alberta small businesses are reporting weak or critical financial health.

Yet unlike nearly every other province, Alberta has a clear path to ease this burden.

The importance of seizing an opportunity is an age-old adage. For Alberta, this opportunity exists in the form of a multibillion-dollar budget surplus. For the past several years, Alberta has collected more money than it needs to fund its expenditures. The most recent budget projects continued billion-dollar surpluses, providing the Alberta government with the rare financial flexibility to reduce taxes without cutting spending or running deficits. Now is the time to act and put more money back into the pockets of Albertans.

CFIB research shows that the Alberta government could introduce a new eight per cent personal income tax bracket

for income up to \$60,000 — a key election commitment — while still maintaining surpluses of over \$1 billion. This would reduce taxes for nearly all income earners in the province.

To provide even more relief, the province should also cut taxes for small businesses by reducing or eliminating the small business corporate income tax rate, currently set at two per cent. Doing so would bring Alberta closer in line with P.E.I.'s one per cent small-business tax rate and Manitoba's complete absence of a small-business tax. Finally, Alberta should lower or eliminate the four-per-cent insurance-premium tax rate, which artificially raises the cost of nearly all types of insurance for residents and small businesses.

But what affordability measures can the provincial government realistically afford to deliver? An analysis of the province's budget shows that the provincial government could halve the small business tax rate and the insurance premium tax rate, on top of implementing the new eight per cent income-tax bracket, and still retain surpluses of at least \$650 million for the next several fiscal years. In other words, Alberta's projected budget surpluses are so robust

that three separate tax reduction cuts would not come close to exhausting them.

The provincial government has done commendable work in ensuring it doesn't saddle its residents with debt. However, continuing to tax Albertans more than necessary while they struggle with an affordability crisis is puzzling. The government may be cautious, hedging its bets against a potential drop in oil prices and a corresponding dip in revenues. However, the province can reduce taxes while still maintaining substantial surpluses that would serve as multi-hundred-million-dollar cushions. Alberta can walk and chew gum at the same time: address affordability and fiscal prudence simultaneously.

Caution is wise, but too much of it can become a hindrance by preventing necessary measures from happening.

The Alberta government has the opportunity to ease the burden on Albertans, making trips to the grocery store less daunting and running a small business more manageable. It's time to seize that opportunity.

Bradlee Whidden is the policy analyst for Western Canada at the Canadian Federation of Independent Business.

Cougar that killed Calgary-area family's cat is gone, officials say

NEWS

A Calgary-area mother who came face-to-face with an aggressive cougar outside her home this week says she's doing what she can to protect her children from the cat that Fish and Wildlife officials believe is no longer in the area.

The cougar has not been seen since Tuesday evening, when it returned to Jessica Low's residence on the outskirts of southwest Calgary where it had killed the family's cat earlier that day.

The incident concerned Fish and Wildlife officers due to the cougar's unusual behaviour, approaching buildings during daylight hours.

On Wednesday, a houndsman hired by the province to track the cat with the assistance of hunting dogs was unable to locate the animal, a spokesperson for Alberta Fish and Wildlife said Thursday.

"Based on the search results, it is believed that the cougar has moved on from the immediate area where the incident occurred," Sheena Campbell, communications director for the Ministry of Public Safety and Emergency Services, said

in an email. "Our officers remain vigilant and are actively monitoring the situation to ensure the continued safety of residents."

It's unclear if efforts to track the animal are continuing. Fish and Wildlife said Thursday that traps are not being considered in response to Tuesday's encounter.

Low said word from officers that the cat is no longer near her home has eased her mind "a little," but that she won't feel comfortable letting her kids play outside any time soon.

"We will be keeping an eye out for it coming back," she said.

"(We) are aware of where we live and that wild animals can be nearby, but the time of day that it was in our yard has thrown me a bit," she added.

While Low already adheres to safety precautions as living in an area with lots of wildlife, Tuesday's incidents led to the installation of motion cameras on her property.

In Alberta, private landowners are not allowed to trap cougars on their own property, but they can kill them, according to provincial hunting regulations.



Premier Danielle Smith celebrated Calgary's 2023 Top 7 Over 70 recipients last year and now the program has expanded to southeastern Alberta with an awards ceremony for seven new recipients on Oct. 10 in Medicine Hat.

Top 7 Over 70 expands to Alberta's southeast

Achievements of seniors to be celebrated at Oct. 10 ceremony in Medicine Hat

Calgary's Top 7 Over 70 program has spread its wings and expanded to southeastern Alberta, with a Top 7 Over 70 gala set to occur in Medicine Hat next month.

Seven individuals from that portion of the province will be recognized for their new accomplishments they've achieved since turning 70 on Oct. 10 at Medalta in the Hills-

borne Clay District of Medicine Hat.

"The stories of these new winners are nothing short of inspirational," says Steve Allan, the chair of Calgary's Top 7 Over 70 executive committee.

"These are extraordinary older individuals doing extraordinary things and in the process they are generating community economic

and social benefits for Albertans of all ages."

Recipients include Wilma Hunter from Brooks, who has done incredible work with the Dress a Girl project, which provides new dresses to girls in need around the world. The dresses also signal to human traffickers that these girls are being watched over by an international charity, which can help shave off an abduction. Hunter has spearheaded a local effort to make 257 dresses so far.

Other southeastern Alberta Top 7 Over 70 recipients are photographer Nancy Hanson, author Jacob Eckert, businessman and philanthropist Bill Weill, sportsman Blair Reed, volunteer Martha Munz Gue and artist Deborah Forbes.

The program is supported by the Community Foundation of Southeastern Alberta.

Meanwhile, nominations are now open for the next Calgary Top 7 Over 70 awards, due to be handed out at a gala on Oct. 21, 2025 at the Hyatt Regency. Nomination forms are available at top7over70.com.

The growth of the awards program is yet another indicator that Top 7 Over 70 is a movement, says program founder Jan Gray.

"Societal attitudes toward seniors are changing and need to continue to evolve," says Gray. *Postmedia News*

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FILMMAKERS TAKE ON COLA WARS

Judd Apatow and Steven Spielberg will team up for a movie titled Cola Wars. Apatow is set to direct the movie about Pepsi's attempts to challenge Coca-Cola's reign during the 1980s, and Spielberg, shown, will be a producer through his Amblin Entertainment company.

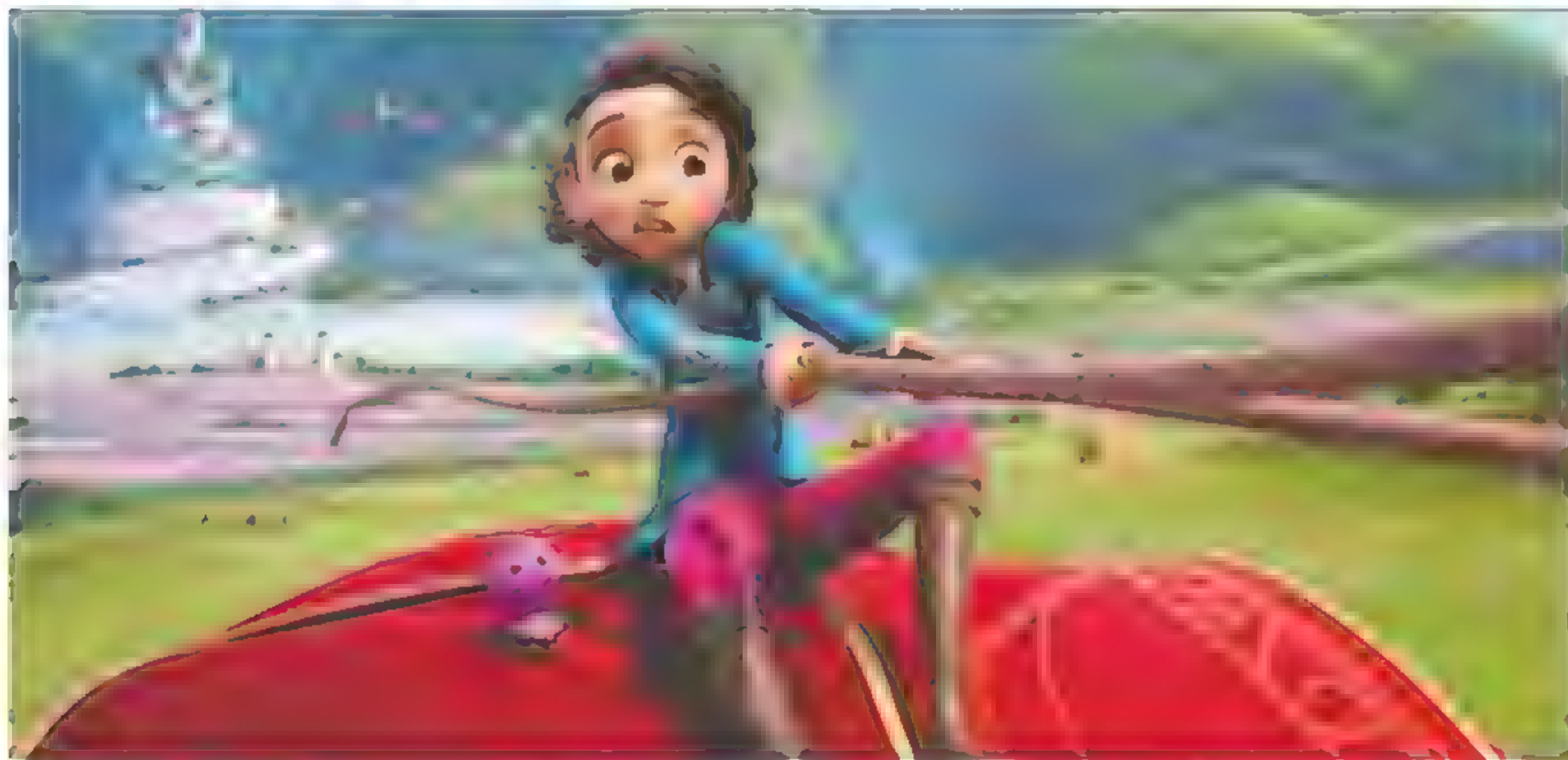
The movie will cover key events, such as when pop star Michael Jackson's hair caught on fire in 1984 as a stunt for a Pepsi ad went awry, as well as Coca-Cola's di-



sastrous introduction of New Coke the following year.

Cola Wars is in development at Sony and is thought to be similar to the film Air, which was directed by Ben Affleck and told the story of how Nike transformed its fortunes through a shoe deal with basketball player Michael Jordan.

Apatow last directed 2022's The Bubble. And Spielberg has an upcoming project about Napoleon. *Bang Showbiz*



The animated musical Spellbound features songs written by Alan Menken, who has won eight Academy Awards during his long Hollywood career. SKYDANCE ANIMATION/NETFLIX

MICHAEL O SULLIVAN

Fans of the contemporary grown-up movie musical felt a tantalizing spark with the arrival of the lushly bittersweet La La Land. Damien Chazelle's 2016 homage to the Golden Age of Hollywood musicals seemed to herald the rebirth of a beloved yet bygone genre.

This fall's crop of musicals includes such animated fare as Spellbound (Nov. 22 on Netflix), featuring songs by Alan Menken. Lin-Manuel Miranda, who wrote the songs for Moana, has stepped away from the film's sequel to handle songwriting for Disney's live-action prequel Mufasa: The Lion King (Dec. 20). In his place, TikTok breakthroughs Abigail Barlow and Emily Bear have written the songs for Moana 2 (Nov. 27). Disney's first female songwriting duo. The season's most anticipated musical release is probably Wicked, starring Cynthia Erivo and Ariana Grande. Featuring songs by Stephen Schwartz, Part 1 of the film's two-stage release hits theatres Nov. 22.

And then there's Joker: Folie à Deux (Oct. 4). Todd Phillips's bittersweet-chocolate, jukebox-musical romance is a sequel to his noirish 2019 original, which won a best actor Oscar for Joaquin Phoenix in the title role of the DC Comics supervillain, a criminally insane failed comedian named Arthur Fleck.

Joining Phoenix is no less than Lady Gaga as Arthur's love interest Harley Quinn.

Folie à Deux isn't the only deliciously dark cloud on the musical horizon; Keep an eye out for The End, by Joshua Oppenheimer, and starring Tilda Swinton, Michael Shannon, George MacKay and Moses Ingram. The sombre story revolves around "what seems to be the last remaining human family on Earth as they hide in an ornate bunker built deep inside a salt mine after environmental collapse has destroyed society."

"We use music to make us whole,

MUSICALS to FALL FOR

Spellbound, Wicked, Mufasa: The Lion King and Moana 2 top this season's list of lyrical attractions



Joaquin Phoenix is joined by Lady Gaga in the dark musical Joker: Folie à Deux. WARNER BROS.

to balance the fractures within ourselves," an unidentified voice says in Folie à Deux's trailer. Maybe that's so. But this fall, a couple of potentially groundbreaking movies seem determined to create a few fissures on the dance floor.

FIVE MORE PICKS

1 Look Into My Eyes

Amid a diverse slate of non-fiction films about the opioid crisis, war, election denialism and indie rockers, the biggest surprise of this summer's fledgling DC/Dox film festival was this gem of a non-fiction film about New York psychics

and their clients. Filmmaker Lana Wilson's followup to Pretty Baby Brooke Shields is neither a debunking nor a puff piece. It slowly evolves into a lovely and moving meditation on loneliness, longing and the universal search for connection. Starring Per Erik Borja, Eugene Grygo, Nkenya Hall, Phoebe Hoffman, Michael Kim, Sherrie Lynne and Ilka Pinheiro. (Out now)

2 Megalopolis

Francis Ford Coppola's experimental/allegorical cautionary tale about America's slide toward fascism has, against all odds, found

a commercial distributor. The film is sure to be polarizing. The Post's Jada Yuan reported the reactions of audience members at this spring's Cannes premiere were "positive, negative, confused — but almost 100 per cent passionate." (Sept. 27)

3 Saturday Night

Gabriel LaBelle, whose breakthrough came playing a teenage stand-in for Steven Spielberg in the director's autobiographical 2022 film The Fabelmans, portrays Saturday Night Live producer Lorne Michaels in this Jason Reitman-directed, behind-the-scenes

dramedy about preparations for the long-running sketch-comedy show's 1975 premiere episode. In the trailer, Cooper Hoffman's Dick Ebersol then in charge of NBC's late-night programming, dismisses SNL as a "counterculture show starring total unknowns, with zero narrative and even less structure." A bunch of up-and-comers play Dan Aykroyd, John Belushi, Chevy Chase, Jane Curtin, Garrett Morris, Laraine Newman and Gilda Radner. Starring LaBelle, Willem Dafoe, Hoffman, Finn Wolfhard, J.K. Simmons, Dylan O'Brien, Matt Wood, Cory Michael Smith, Kim Matula, Lamorne Morris, Emily Fearn and Ella Hunt. (Oct. 11)

4 Gladiator II

In director Ridley Scott's sequel to his multi-Oscar-winning swords-and-sandals epic, a buff Paul Mescal plays Lucius, a gladiator who tells Denzel Washington's bad guy in the trailer that he never knew his mother or father. This comment opens the door a crack to some potentially interesting revelations about the character's parentage. In the 2000 film, Lucius was the son of Connie Nielsen's Lucilla, who was once romantically involved with the title character, Maximus, played by Russell Crowe. Starring Mescal, Washington, Pedro Pascal, Joseph Quinn, Fred Hechinger, Nielsen, Derek Jacobi and Matt Lucas. (Nov. 22)

5 A Complete Unknown

Timothée Chalamet channels a young Bob Dylan in this musical biopic. The actor — who also produced — provides his own vocals for the film, which was co-written and directed by James Mangold. That's brave, considering the actor's unmemorable performance in last year's saccharine musical Wonka, not to mention the spotty track record for musical biopics in general. Starring Chalamet, Elle Fanning, Edward Norton, Boyd Holbrook, Monica Barbaro and Scoot McNairy. (Dec. 25)

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Scoot McNairy, left, and James McAvoy star in *Speak No Evil*. McAvoy's performance may leave viewers wondering about their own moral compass. **UNIVERSAL PICTURES**

IF YOU CAN'T SAY SOMETHING NICE ... SCREAM!

Wickedly clever comedy of manners memorably loses its grip on civility

AMY NICHOLSON

Speak No Evil is the rowdiest horror flick in ages, a hilarious and venomous little nasty that cattle-prods the audience to scream everything its lead characters choke down.

Our victims are Louise and Ben Dalton (Mackenzie Davis and Scoot McNairy), and their 11-year-old daughter, Agnes (Alix West Lefler) — a milquetoast American family having a dreary time in London, where they've recently moved for work. The couple's stagnant marriage is in need of a shakeup, so the Daltons impulsively agree to visit the country estate of their new acquaintances, Paddy and

SPEAK NO EVIL

★★★★ out of 5

Cast: James McAvoy, Mackenzie Davis, Scoot McNairy

Director: James Watkins

Duration: 1 h 50 m

Clara (James McAvoy and Aisling Franciosi), for a week of intoxicating home-brewed cider and Paddy's chest-thumping platitudes about how to live a better, fuller life. At one point, Paddy drags Ben up a hilltop to sound their barbaric yawps.

The earthier, sexier hosts have their own child, a mute tot named Ant (Dan Hough), who they explain was born with a truncated tongue. The title seems to refer to the boy, a sweet

lad with a soulful face who, bizarrely, sleeps in a grim attic. But that the Daltons don't protest when Agnes is stashed in the hovel, too, is an early hint from the writer and director James Watkins that our protagonists are the ones with the problem piping up.

Like frogs in the proverbial pot, Louise and Ben endure a barrage of indignities — most of the movie is set at a suspenseful, civilized summer — trusting that they couldn't possibly get boiled.

We have the delicious advantage of knowing what kind of movie we've come to see. A few of us may have even watched the Danish director Christian Tzfdrup's 2022 original of the same name. Watkins has rewired the film's dynamics, switching our focus from the beset husband to Davis's uptight wife. He's made

his remake more Hollywood, but for my money, he's also made it more fun to talk about afterward — and during — arranging his plot beats to encourage the audience to howl advice at the screen.

Usually, this kind of don't-go-in-the-basement interactivity is the only way to enjoy ourselves in movies that otherwise insult our intelligence.

But Watkins has made a devilishly clever comedy of manners that climaxes in a Grand Guignol burst of release. He's peppered the script with modern pieties — there's a finchy conversation about the morality of eating sustainable fish — plus sensible-sounding manipulations that the Daltons are powerless to deflect. It's a smart film about dumb decisions, and it's possible to enjoy sneering at McNairy's utterly drippy sad dad while

shoving down all those pesky inner thoughts about the times we've bitten our own tongues around a blowhard, or pledged to do lunch with our fingers crossed.

The film is tightly constructed with witty editing, playful camera work, and an agonizing score of scrapes, thumps and drums. There's a great sound-design gag involving a Vespa and some off-screen honks, and a more thread-worn bit that tries too hard to make a meme out of the Beatles' *Eternal Flame*.

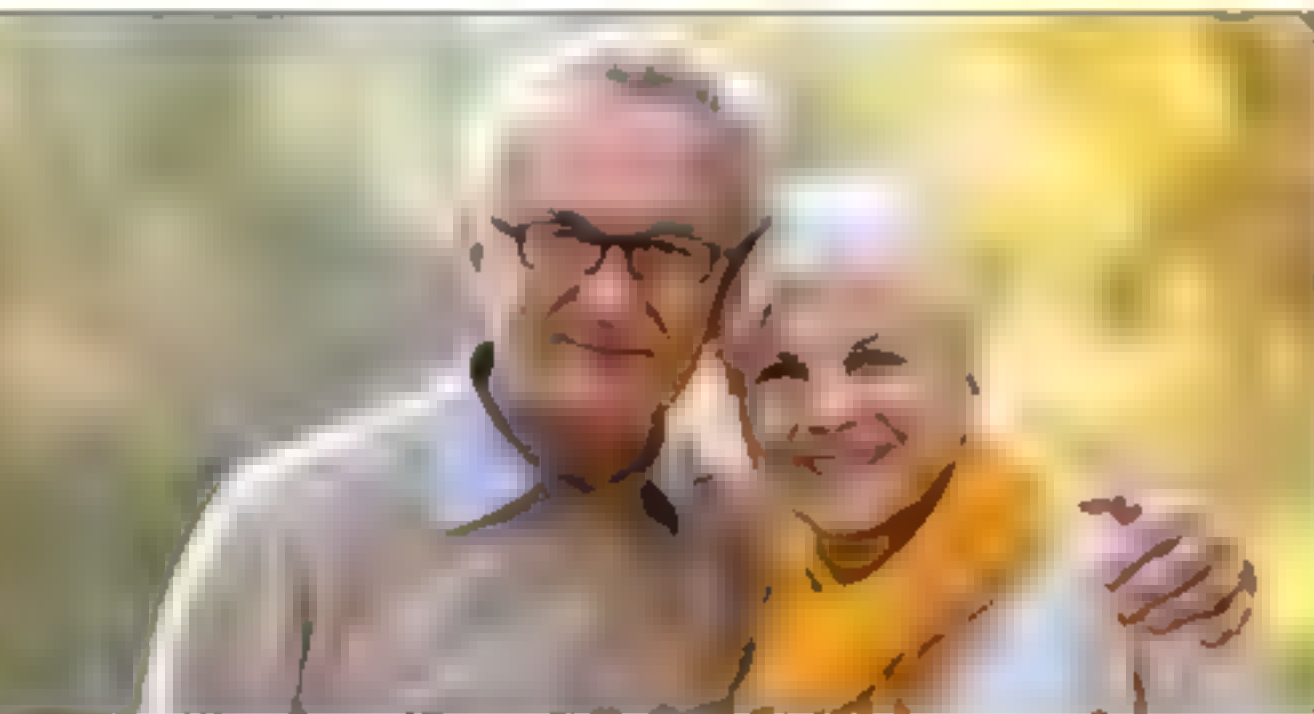
Still, most people will leave talking about McAvoy's brawny performance — he seizes any excuse to strip to a Speedo — and how easily we were seduced into siding with him over Davis's killjoy worrywart. That sound you hear is your own conscience asking you to listen up.

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THE SCOOP

Swift wins big at MTV awards

Taylor Swift took home seven awards Wednesday at the MTV Video Music Awards — including the night's biggest, the trophy for video of the year. Swift's haul brings her to a career total of 30 tying her and Beyoncé for the title of most-awarded musician in VMA history. Eminem is now the male artist with the most VMAs, at 15. Swift and Post Malone also took home the award for best collaboration, for Fortnight. Chap-

pell Roan won for best new artist and Sabrina Carpenter won the trophy for song of the year for Espresso. Katy Perry received the Video Vanguard Award.

Amazing Race Canada renewed

The Amazing Race Canada wrapped up its 10th season on Tuesday, and broadcaster CTV has already renewed the travel competition series for season 11. "Hosted by Olympic gold medalist Jon Montgomery, The

Amazing Race Canada is set to welcome a new group of racers to the starting line when it returns in 2025, with casting details to be announced at a later date," says a news release. Friends Taylor McPherson and Katie Mulkay, both 24-year-olds from Edmonton, won season 10. Although final data has yet to be calculated, the show averaged 1.3 million viewers this season, according to the news release. The Amazing Race Canada debuted in 2013 and has won 27 Canadian Screen Awards.

Frankie Beverly dies at age 77

Frankie Beverly, who with his band Maze inspired generations of fans with his smooth, soulful voice and anthems including Before I Let Go, has died. He was 77. His family said in a post on the band's website and social media accounts that Beverly died Tuesday. The post did not say his cause of death or where he died. Beverly — whose songs include Joy and Pain, Love is the Key and Southern Girl

finished his farewell I Wanna Thank You Tour in his hometown of Philadelphia in July. Beverly's songs have become interwoven into celebrations in the Black community. The band's 1981 song Before I Let Go, which has been covered by Beyoncé, can be heard everywhere from clubs to cookouts, sure to get people on their feet. Maze released its first album, Maze Featuring Frankie Beverly, in 1977.



Note: Cineplex is no longer providing movie listings

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Despicable Me 4 (G, F) Fri, Sun, Mon, Wed 12:30, Sat 12:55, 2:35, Tue 3:40, Thu 12:50, 3:50
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (14A) Fri, Mon, Wed 11:45, 12:20, 2:15, 3:40, 6:30, 7:20, 9:10, 9:55, Sat 10:10, 11:45, 12:30, 3:10, 6:30, 7:20, 9:10, 9:55, Sun 10:10, 12:30, 2:15, 3:40, 6:30, 7:20, 9:10, 9:55, Tue 11:45, 12:20, 2:15, 3:40, 6:30, 7:20, 9:10, 9:55, Thu 12:12, 12:20, 2:30, 3:40, 6:30, 9:10
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Alien: Romulus (14A) Fri, Mon-Wed 12:30, 3:30, 6:40, 9:30, Sat 10:10, 12:55, 3:40, 6:40, 9:30, Sun 10:15, 12:20, 3:30, 6:40, 9:30, Thu 12:30, 3:40, 6:40, 9:30
Blink Twice (14A) Fri, Wed 9
Reagan (PG) Fri, Wed 6
Ardaas Sarbat De Bhalle Di (STC) (in Punjabi with English subtitles) Fri, Wed 6:20, 9:40, Thu 9:40
It Ends with Us (PG) Fri, Wed 12:40, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50, Thu 12:40, 3:50, 6:20
Never Let Go (14A) Thu 6, 9
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Coraline 15th Anniversary 3D (STC) Fri, Mon, Wed 4:45, Sat 10:40, Sun 10:44:55

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The Buckingham Murders (STC) (in Hindi subtitles) Fri, Wed 9:25, Thu 9:35
Rise: Fan-Con Tour: Blazing Day Finale in Cinemas (STC) (in Hindi subtitles) Fri, Thu 9:15
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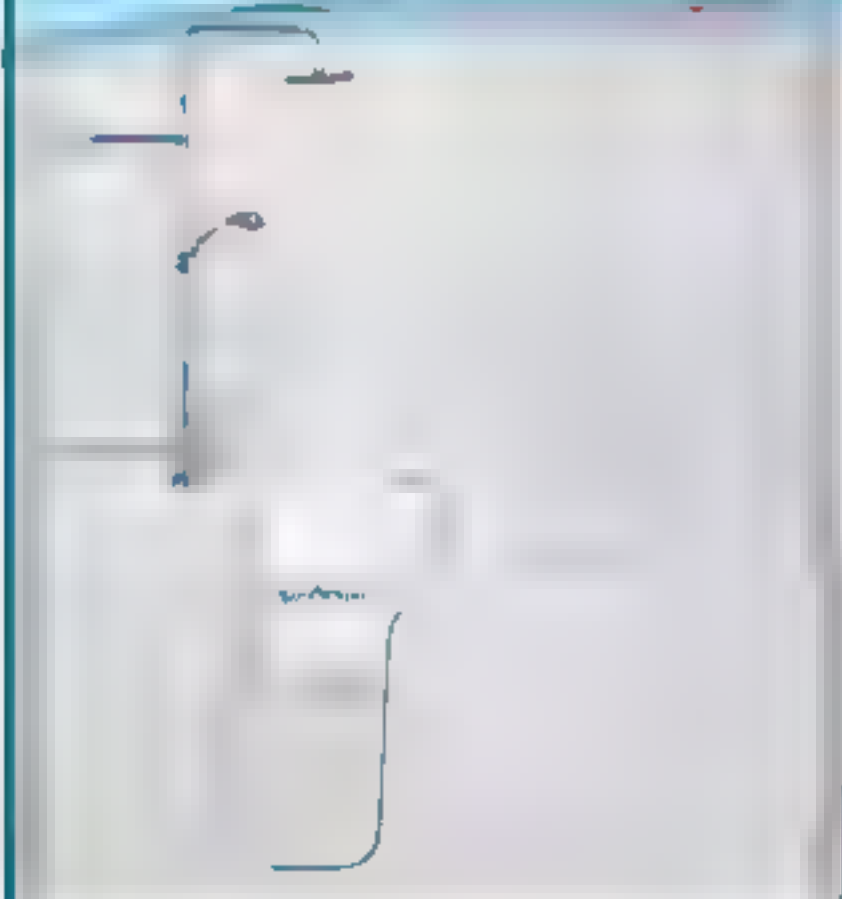
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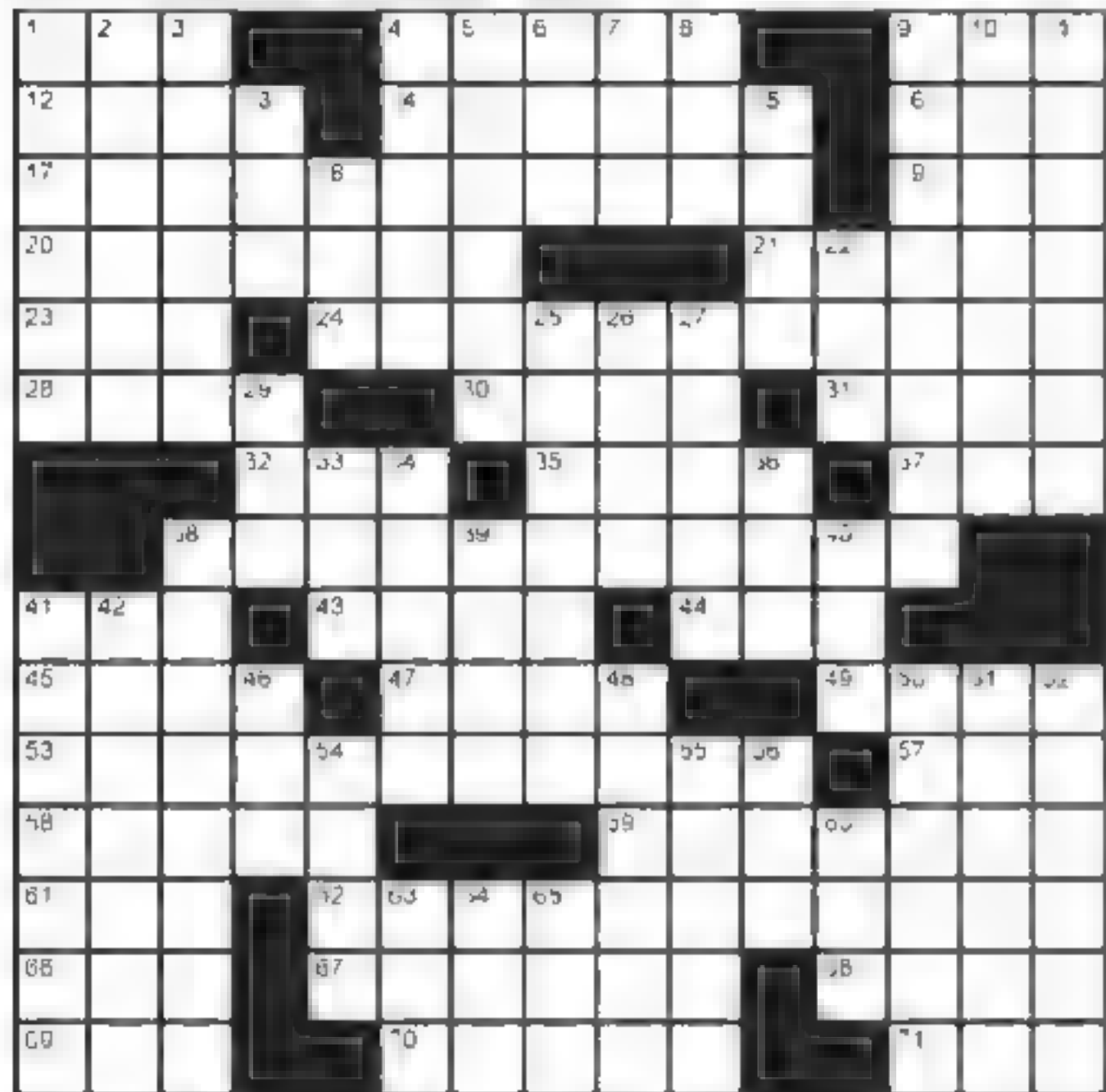
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12. "That's not a good sign!"
14. Drafted as a plan
16. Homer's car
17. "Article opening in a French newspaper"
19. Savings plan letters
20. Capital of Uganda
21. Swamp snapper
23. Climate change research org.
24. "Bell sound during a marriage celebration"
28. Media the amount
30. "Hey ____, tell me a joke" (instruction to an iPhone)
31. Shower affection (on)
32. Ring or Chime
35. "Not Dead Yet" actress Rodriguez
37. Neighbor's partner
38. "Possible headline after the finale of a sitcom starring Jennifer Aniston?"
41. "Don't mind if ____"
43. Cleveland's lake
45. Name hidden in the alphabet
46. mortals

47. Follow orders
49. Cannabis plant
53. "Volkswagen sedans speed by?"
57. Thomas Anderson's alias in "The Matrix"
58. Like some committees
59. Wilches' counterparts
61. Relaxing hotel amenity
62. Regularly ____, and a hunt to both parts of the starred clues' answers
66. "Stay With Me" singer Smith
67. Altar's spot
68. Above all ____
69. Opposite of WSW
70. Garden shovel
71. Chap

DOWN

1. Increased one's muscle mass, in bodybuilding
2. Inexpensive, in slang
3. ____, Confuse
4. Confuse
5. Shoe sole patterns
6. Murav
7. Amusement
8. Coffee, slangily
9. Versions of published works
10. Canada's most populous city
11. Smartwatch accessory
13. Do what rabbits do

15. "Hot Puz" actor Simon
18. "Nope"
22. Append
25. Investigate thoroughly
26. Flower that's 30-Across backward
27. Dressed to the ____
29. Pointy feature on a Vulcan
33. Tart relative
34. 1992 presidential candidate Ross
36. Colony worker
38. "Tsk tsk!"
39. Writing tips?
40. "Obviously!"
41. Stalemate
42. Emotionless type of humor
46. That ____, in Spanish
48. Showed boredom, maybe
50. Sign up
51. Greek Gorgon with snakes for hair
52. "Keep me ____"
54. Band with a slash in its name
55. Walk like a crab
56. "Kill Bill" singer
60. Nautical ascent
63. Sounds of relief
64. Sound from a pet stroller
65. Happy brew option

WONDERWORD

By DAVID QUELLET

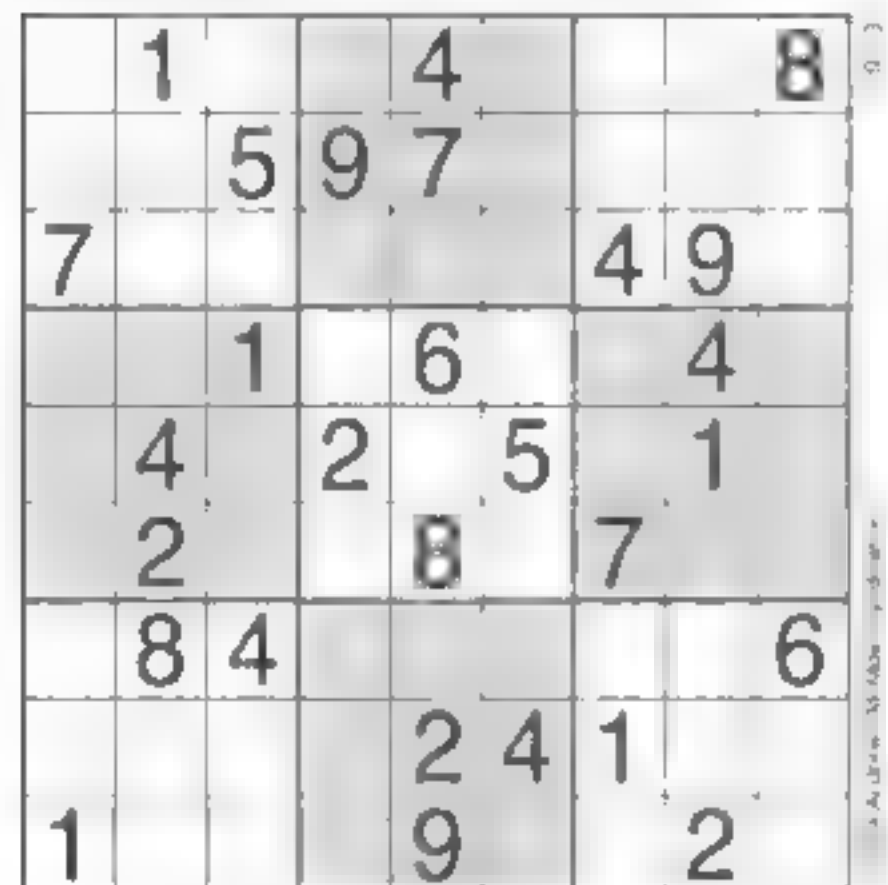
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O O B O N Y W O R L D W I D E
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Antennae, Appendage, Bail, Barbel, Black, Bony, Brown, Bulb, Carnivorous, Cerealoid, Deep Sea, Double, Dreamers, Eggs, Esca, Fish, Floating, Food, Fragile, Humpback, Larvae, Mating, Maturity, Monkfish, Motionless, Ocean, Pea, Pig, Predator, Prey, Protractor, Reefs, Seawater, Sensory, Spawn, Spine, Symbiont, Teleost, Worldwide

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively



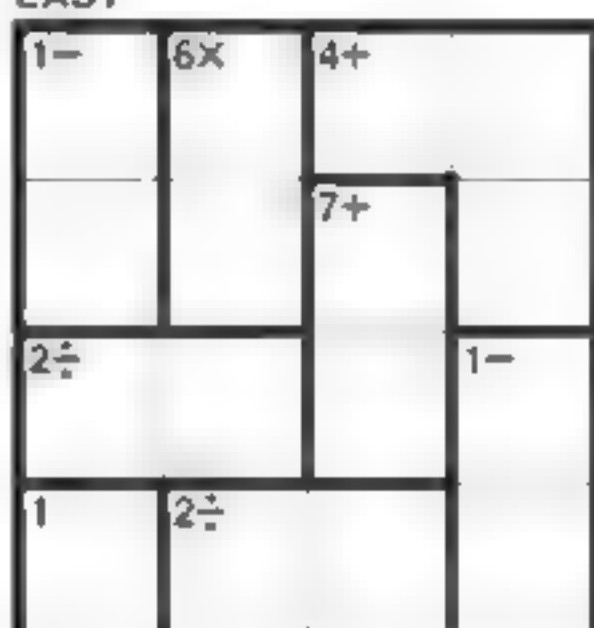
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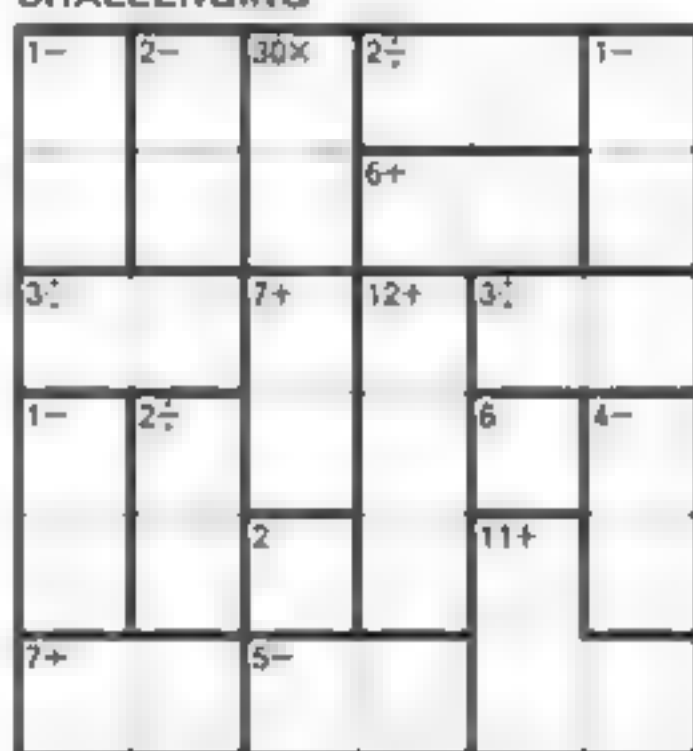
THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER

Instructions: Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating. The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corner. Freebies: Fill in single box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

EASY



CHALLENGING



CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

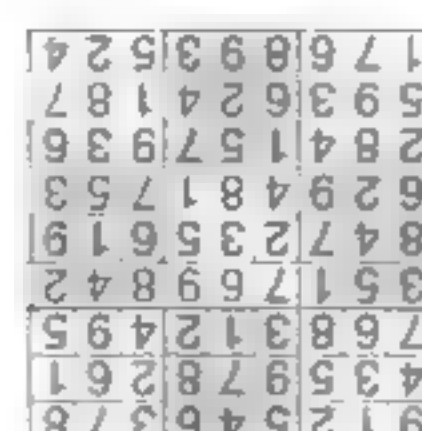
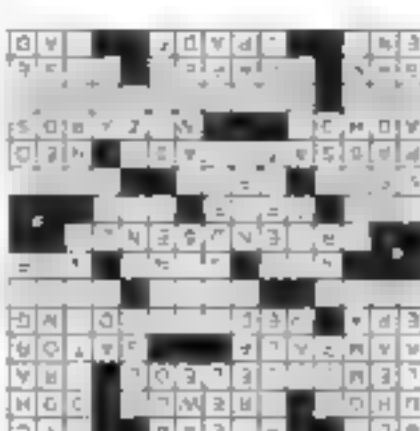
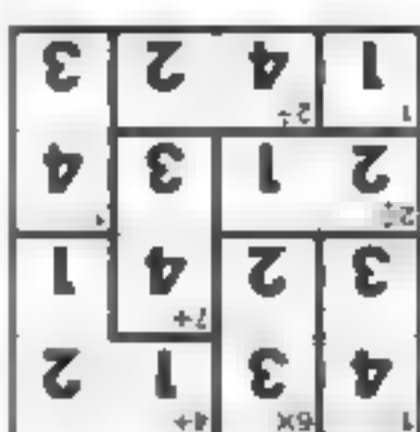
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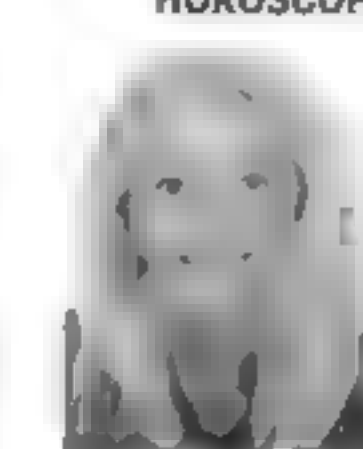
TODAY'S SOLUTIONS:

WONDERWORD: FROGISH



LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

HOROSCOPE FOR SEPTEMBER 13



BY EUGENIA LAST

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Put your heart and soul into what makes you happy and you'll thrive this year. Socialize, join in and participate in events and activities that connect you to fascinating people.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Be imaginative, but don't let anyone take advantage of you. Get the facts, and don't buy into something that lacks substance. You may desire change, but it must be beneficial before you act. 2 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Use your talents, skills and expertise to access something new and exciting. Look at what's available and reach out to see if something that interests you is a good fit. Change is within reach, and so is the chance to raise your income, reputation or prospects. 5 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll be overwhelmed if you take on too much. Pick and choose what interests you most, and refrain from falling short and feeling stressed. You owe it to yourself to engage in personal growth and self-improvement, and to decide what matters and is meaningful to you. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Check facts and figures. Do a thorough investigation of a proposal you receive, regardless of how convincing it is. You may be craving a change or a new beginning, but you are best to sit tight unless it feels right. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Doors may open, but you may need help to take advantage. Refrain from acting prematurely or making promises you cannot fulfill. Consider what is possible and what will contribute to something you aspire to achieve. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Invest in what makes you happy. Stop denying yourself the opportunity to explore the possibilities. Put your energy where it

counts and offers you peace of mind and reassurance that you can move forward. Adjust, compromise and make your dreams come true. Don't get angry; get moving. 5 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't jeopardize your health, emotional well-being or domestic situation. It's essential to give yourself enough breathing room to figure out what's best for you and how to make the most of what you have. A chance to experience or learn something new will help you gain clarity. 2 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You are in a better position than you realize. Consider your long-term plan and contact someone to help you reach your objective. Pay attention to detail but add innovative ideas that will motivate others to get involved in helping you achieve your goal. 4 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Only share your plans with someone you trust. Focus on something you enjoy doing, or sign up to participate in a challenge that stimulates you. Explore the possibility of spending more time with someone who enjoys the same pastimes. A proposal looks promising, and romance is favored. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Count your pennies and review your investments. Reviewing your assets will give you the confidence to make changes to improve your life. Start the process, ease stress and engage in activities and pastimes that encourage better physical health. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put more time, money and effort into being your best. A new look, educational pursuit or better money management will pay off. Look at your surroundings and adjust whatever is necessary to accommodate what you want to pursue. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't go overboard, even if someone tempts you. Indulgent behavior or overspending will leave you in a vulnerable position. Put your energy into something that offers a positive return. 4 stars

BIRTHDAY BABY: You are intelligent, thorough and forceful. You are intense and passionate.

7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 foul odors (8)	_____
2 funny (7)	_____
3 Geneva or Helvetica (8)	_____
4 accoutrements (9)	_____
5 as tight as a clamp (8)	_____
6 pearlescent (8)	_____
7 alleviate (7)	_____

ST	GS	LAR	CH	EFA
JOCU	IKE	AGE	VIS	OUS
EL	RE	TRA	TYP	ES
CE	ASSU	EN	NAC	PPIN

Answers: 1. STENCHES 2. JOCKULAR 3. TYPEFACE 4. TRAPPINGS 5. WISLEKE 6. MACREOUS 7. ASSUAGE

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3	PBS	Alma's Way	Xavier Riddle	America	Test Kitchen	PBS News Hour (N)		Week (N)	Hoover (N)	Doc Martin		American Masters			
3	NH	Canada Tonight With Travis Drunray (N)				The National (N)		The National (N)		The National (N)		The National (N)		The National (N)	
3	NBC	NonStop (N)	NonStop (N)	NonStop (N)	NBC News (N)	NonStop (N)	NonStop (N)	Jeopardy (N)	Wheel (N)	America's Got Talent				Dateline NBC	
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3	MGTV	Mexico Life	Mexico Life	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters (N)		Hunt Int'l (N)	Hunt Int'l (N)	Hunt Int'l (N)	Hunt Int'l (N)	House Hunters		Hunters Int'l	Hunters Int'l
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3	TSN	(4:00) Sports (N)	WYMA Basketball Las Vegas Aces vs Indiana Fever (N) Live			Sports (N) Live		CFL Football Toronto Argonauts at BC Lions (N) Live						SportsCentre (N) Live	
3	FOX	Two Half Men	Last Man	College Football Arizona State Sun Devils vs Boston College Eagles (N) Live		Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon	Modern Family		News (N)	FarmFeed
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3	TLC	90 Day Fiance		90 Day Fiance	Before the 90 Days (N)			90 Day (N)	Forbidden Love (N)		90 Day Fiance	90 Day Fiance	Before the 90 Days		
3	FOOD	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Bobby's Triple Threat (N)		Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Bobby's Triple Threat		Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby
3	A&E	Cold Case Files: DNA Speaks		Cold Case Files: DNA (N)		Cold Case Files: DNA (N)		Beat Me How I Died (N)		Cold Case Files: DNA		Cold Case Files: DNA		Cold Case Files: DNA	
3	SNW	MLB Baseball	at Toronto Blue Jays vs Free Agents			Sportsnet Central (N) Live		MLB Baseball	Texas Rangers at Seattle Mariners (N) Live					Sportsnet (N)	Sportsnet
3	CNN	Erin Burnett OutFront (N) Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (N) Live		The Source With (N) Live		CHN NewsNight (N) Live		Laura Coates Live (N) Live		Anderson Cooper 360		The Source With Kaitlan Collins	
3	SN360	This Week in WWE (N)		WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) Live				WWE Main Event (N)		WWE Friday Night SmackDown				Dana White's Contender Series	
3	SHOW	NCIS Hawaii		NCIS Hawaii		21 Jump Street		Paul Blart: Mall Cop		Kevin James					
3	SLCE	Neighbor	Neighbor	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Mom	Mom	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
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IT ENTERTAINED MILLIONS, BUSIED PUNDITS AND PROVIDED A PLETHORA OF MEMES, BUT THERE'S ONE THING THE DONALD TRUMP-KAMALA HARRIS DEBATE DID NOT DO, AND THAT IS MOVE THE NEEDLE ON POLLS FOR EITHER CANDIDATE. PAGE NP3



U.S. fintech billionaire Jared Isaacman looks out of the capsule into space during the first private spacewalk performed by the crew of the SpaceX Polaris Dawn mission.

AIRLINE TO OTTAWA: 'BE READY TO STEP IN'

LABOUR TALKS

Air Canada stoppage could begin Sept. 18

TORONTO • Air Canada and business leaders are asking Ottawa to be ready to intervene in labour talks with its pilots as time is running out before a potential shutdown, but so far the government has said the two sides need to work things out.

Airline spokesman Christophe Hennebelle said Thursday that Air Canada is committed to negotiations, but it faces wage demands from the Air Line Pilots Association that it can't meet.

"The issue is that we are faced with unreasonable wage demands that ALPA refuses to moderate," he said.

The union has said it's corporate greed that's holding up talks, as Air Canada continues to post record profits

while expecting pilots to accept below-market compensation. Hennebelle said the airline isn't asking for immediate intervention from the government, but that it should be prepared to help avoid major disruptions from a shutdown of an airline that carries more than 140,000 passengers a day.

"The government should be ready to step in and make sure that we are not entering into that disruption for the benefit of Canadians," he said.

The two sides will be in a position starting Sunday to issue 72-hour notice of a strike or lockout. The airline has said the notice would trigger its three-day wind-down plan and start the clock on a full work stoppage as early as Sept. 18.

Numerous business groups convened in Ottawa on Thursday to also call for action — including binding arbitration — to avoid the economic disruptions a shutdown of the airline would cause. Arbitration "can help bring the parties to a successful resolution and avoid all the potential impacts we're here to talk about today," Candace Laing, president of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, told a news conference.

"Canada cannot afford another major disruption to its transportation network. A labour disruption at Air Canada would ripple through our economy," said Gordy Hyder, chief executive of the Business Council of Canada, in a statement.

See STRIKE on NP3

One small step for billionaire

MARCIA DUNN
in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

A billionaire stepped out for the first private spacewalk Thursday, teaming up with SpaceX on the daring endeavour hundreds of kilometres above Earth.

Tech entrepreneur Jared Isaacman and his crew waited until their capsule was depressurized before popping open the hatch. Isaacman emerged first, joining a small elite group of spacewalkers who until now had included only professional astronauts from a dozen countries.

"Back at home, we all have a lot of work to do. But from here, it sure looks like a perfect world," said Isaacman.

The commercial spacewalk was the main focus of the five-day flight financed by Isaacman and Elon Musk's company, and the culmination of years of development geared toward settling Mars and other planets.

All four on board donned SpaceX's new spacewalking suits to protect themselves from the harsh vacuum. They launched on Tuesday from Florida, rocketing farther from Earth than anyone since NASA's moonwalkers. The orbit was reduced by half — to 740

TECH MOGUL MAKES HISTORY IN FIRST SPACEWALK BY A PRIVATE CITIZEN

kilometres — for the spacewalk.

This first spacewalking test, expected to last about two hours, involved more stretching than walking. The plan called for Isaacman to keep a hand or foot attached to the whole time as he flexed his arms and legs to see how the new spacesuit would hold up. The hatch sported a walker-like structure for extra support.

After about 15 minutes outside, Isaacman was replaced by SpaceX engineer Sarah Gillis to go through the same motions.

Each had 3.6-metre tethers but no intention of unfurling them or dangling at the end unlike what happens at the International Space Station, where astronauts routinely float out to do repairs at a much lower orbit.

More and more wealthy pas-

sengers are plunking down huge sums for rides aboard private rockets to experience a few minutes of weightlessness. Other have spent tens of millions to stay in space for days or even weeks. Space experts and risk analysts say it's inevitable that some will seek the thrill of spacewalking, deemed one of the most dangerous parts of space flight after launch and re-entry but also the most soul-stirring.

This operation was planned down to the minute with little room for error. Trying out new spacesuits from a spacecraft new to spacewalking added to the risk. So did the fact that the entire capsule was exposed to the vacuum of space.

Scott "Kidd" Poteet, a former Air Force Thunderbird pilot, and SpaceX engineer Anna Menon stayed strapped to their seats to monitor from inside. All four underwent intensive training before the trip.

Isaacman, 41, CEO and founder of the Shift4 credit card-processing company, has declined to disclose how much he invested in the flight. It was the first of three flights in a program he's dubbed Polaris, this one was called Polaris Dawn.

Until Thursday, only 263 people had conducted a spacewalk, representing 12 countries.

The Associated Press

Google exec said goal was to 'crush' ad competition, antitrust trial hears

MONOPOLY

In 2009, when Google was embarking on its online advertising business, a company executive told colleagues the goal was to "crush" rival ad networks, according to evidence presented by prosecutors at the tech giant's antitrust trial in Alexandria, Va., Wednesday.

That kind of statement supported the U.S. Department of Justice's claim that Google has sought to monopolize markets among publisher ad servers and ad networks, Reuters is reporting.

On the third day of the trial, prosecutors began to introduce evidence of how Google employees thought about the company's products. The DOJ alleges the company set out to dominate

the ad tech market.

"We'll be able to crush the other networks and that's our goal," David Rosenblatt, Google's former president of display advertising, said in late 2008 or early 2009, according to notes revealed in court.

Google denies the allegations, arguing it faces fierce competition from rival digital advertising companies.

The notes from Rosenblatt's talk showed him discussing the advantages of

owning technology on both sides and in the middle of the market.

"We're both Goldman and NYSE," he said, according to the notes, referring to one of the world's biggest stock exchanges at the time and one of its biggest market makers.

By owning publisher ad servers, the advertiser ad network would have a "first look" at available spots for

ads, he said according to the notes. He also said it was a "nightmare" for publishers to switch platforms.

"It takes an act of God to do it," he said, according to the notes. Rosenblatt is now CEO of online luxury marketplace 1stDibs.

Brad Bender worked at Google until 2022. He testified that he forwarded the notes to his team, calling them a "worthwhile read."

Google has said it is not the only company to offer an integrated suite of products for advertisers and publishers, and that Microsoft, Amazon and Meta Platforms have similar offerings.

If U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema finds that Google broke the law, she would consider the prosecutors' request to make Google sell off Google Ad Manager.

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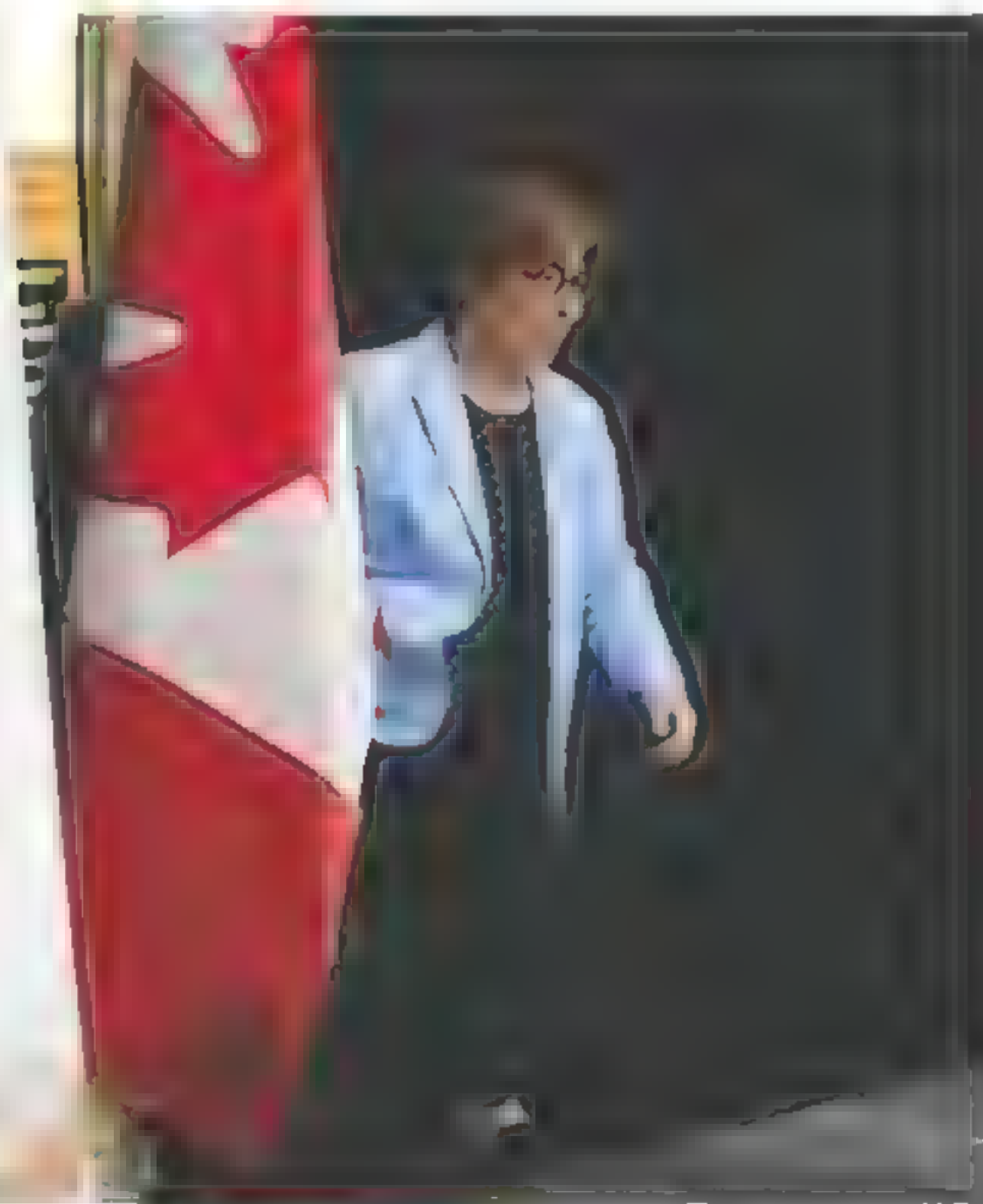
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Commissioner Justice Marie-Josée Hogue has been challenging the federal government over certain redactions in documents pertaining to foreign interference that Ottawa says should be protected due to "cabinet confidence, solicitor-client privilege or protection of personal information."

Singh says NDP would replace carbon tax

'WORKING ON PLAN'

MONTREAL • NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh hinted his party would change the consumer carbon tax if his party forms government at the next election.

Speaking to reporters in Montreal on Thursday, Singh criticized both the Liberals and the Conservatives over their approaches to fighting climate change.

"We want to see an approach to fighting the climate crisis where it doesn't put the burden on the backs of working people, where big polluters have to pay their fair share," he said.

"And so we've been working on a plan, and we'll be releasing our plan, our vision for how we can do that in a stronger way, in the coming months."

Singh did not give details on what he would make "big polluters" pay, nor did he say whether his party will fully oppose making consumers pay some form of a carbon tax.

The Trudeau government has introduced two carbon taxes, one for heavy emitters called the industrial carbon price and the other for individual consumers.

Singh's noncommittal position on the carbon tax comes as the NDP tries to frame itself as a credible alternative to the Conservatives in the next federal election.

Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre has promised to end the carbon tax, blaming it for adding to the rising cost of living. People in jurisdictions where the federal carbon tax is in place receive rebates.

Singh also accused Poilievre of not wanting to fight climate change at all, and blamed the Liberals for pitting workers against each other by exempting home heating oil from the carbon price. That change disproportionately helps people in Atlantic Canada, where home heating oil is popular.

The NDP has previously supported the Liberals' consumer carbon price.

Economists are widely in favour of carbon pricing, arguing it is the most cost effective way to reduce emissions.

Thursday marked the last day of the NDP caucus retreat ahead of the return of the House of Commons on Sept. 16. New Democrats are gearing up for a return to Parliament after ending the supply-and-confidence agreement with the Liberals.

The deal kept the minority government in power with NDP MPs voting for Liberal legislation in exchange for action on the party's wish list.

The Canadian Press



Jagmeet Singh

Inquiry still pushing feds for documents

INTERFERENCE

CHRISTOPHER NARDI

OTTAWA • The head of the foreign interference commission says she is still pushing the government for records after the Liberals quietly released additional cabinet documents less than three weeks before the start of new public inquiry hearings.

For months, the Trudeau government and the Public Inquiry into Foreign Interference (PIFI) have been arguing over an undisclosed number of documents and redactions withheld by Ottawa over claims of cabinet confidence.

That's despite a promise by Public Safety Minister Dominic LeBlanc last year that the inquiry looking into foreign interference in Canadian elections would have access to all relevant cabinet documents.

As the commission is set to launch its second phase of public hearings on Monday, the government appears to have granted at least one of inquiry commissioner Marie-Josée Hogue's requests.

In an order-in-council signed Aug. 30 and posted online, the Liberals allowed the release of confidential cabinet documents that were specifically "prepared and used" by national security officials since Jan. 1, 2019, to brief cabinet "on matters related to foreign interference that are strictly operational in nature."

The order does not specify how many additional documents will be released to the inquiry or how many redactions will be lifted.

The order comes after Hogue noted in her first report published in May that she was challenging certain redactions in documents by the government, who cited "cabinet confidence, solicitor-client privilege or protection of personal information."

But four months after the publication of her report and even after the government's latest cabinet document release, Hogue is still pushing for more records.

"Discussions with the Government on document production remain ongoing," inquiry spokesperson Michael Tansey said in a short statement Wednesday when asked if the commissioner was satisfied with the new recent order-in-council.

Tansey referred questions about the number of new documents being released or redactions lifted due to the order-in-council to the Privy Council Office (PCO). In a statement, PCO spokesperson Pierre-Alain Bujold did not say how many additional documents had been disclosed to PIFI but confirmed that discussions are ongoing about redactions.

He also noted that the newly released information "provides further detail into how operational information is shared within government."

To date, the government has provided 48,000 documents to PIFI, including four cabinet documents that had already been disclosed to other national security review bodies, Bujold said.

PIFI is scheduled to resume public hearings Monday on the second portion of its study, this time focusing on the federal government's ability to detect, counter and deter foreign interference in Canada.

In her first report published in the spring, Hogue concluded that foreign meddling had "tainted" the 2019 and 2021 federal elections and may have impacted the outcome of a few ridings, but had not affected the overall result.

Documents that contain cabinet confidences — information that is discussed

at the cabinet table — are normally prevented from disclosure to allow ministers to "express their views freely during the discussions held in cabinet."

But national review agencies and observers are increasingly concerned that the government is constantly expanding its definition of what is a cabinet confidence to prevent the disclosure of certain information.

In interviews, two national security academics say the government's latest release order is very narrow and unlikely to provide all the information Hogue is seeking.

"This is the government giving up very small ground on a very contentious issue," said Stephanie Carvin, a Carleton University assistant professor and former national security analyst with the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service (CSIS).

Wesley Wark, a longtime national security observer and senior fellow at the Centre for International Governance (CIGI), said the government is trying to avoid looking like it's "stonewalling" the inquiry but is far from "opening the floodgates" with its recent release.

"I suspect that the number of reports going into cabinet from CSIS, CSE (Communications Security Establishment) and others that are 'strictly operational in nature' is very few," Wark said. "Most of what cabinet would receive would not be of that nature."

What is being released now is "a very narrow window into a much broader range of intelligence reporting, and it's not the most important window either," he said.

Wark and Carvin think the bulk of national security information brought to cabinet is likely strategic or policy advice, not operational.

PIFI is far from the only national security review body struggling with the government using cabinet confidence claims to withhold information.

In its most recent annual report, the National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians (NSICOP) accused the Liberal government of "inappropriately" withholding all or part of over a thousand documents over cabinet confidence claims during its review of foreign interference.

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Conservatives, NDP back pilots' right to negotiate

STRIKE

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The federal government however has said it's up to the airline and union to make a deal.

"There's no reason for these parties not to be able to achieve a collective agreement," Labour Minister Steven MacKinnon said at a news conference Wednesday after the Liberal caucus released its plan.

He said the government sees forward momentum in talks and that Canadians expect both the union and airline to make the necessary compromises. "These parties should be under no ambiguity as to what my message is to them today. Knuckle down, get a deal."

Asked why the airline would not just hold back and wait for the government to intervene as it did in the twin railway shutdowns in August, MacKinnon indicated it wasn't so simple.

"What I would say is there are significant differences between those two situations and leave it at that."

NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh said the party would not support efforts to force pilots back to work.

"We're going to send a clear message again that we are opposed to Justin Trudeau and the Liberals, or any government, interfering with workers," Singh said Thursday. "If there's any bills being proposed on back to work legislation, we're going to oppose that."

Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre said Wednesday that Air Canada should negotiate in good faith with its pilots.

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"We're not going to support pre-empting those negotiations. We stand with the pilots and their right to fight for a fair deal, good wages."

Meanwhile, Newfoundland and Labrador PC Opposition leader Tony Wakeham warned that a possible Air Canada strike could "devastate" the province's economy.

Wakeham, who is the MHA for Stephenville—Port au Port, posted on social media on Thursday about the hardships that the eastern province would face if Air Canada pilots were to strike. "Air disruptions could devastate our economy and others across Canada," he said.

In a statement, Wakeham said that the federal government must act decisively to prevent any disruptions in this vital service.

"Already, we've heard from tourism operators who are dealing with cancellations, and this is only the beginning. Our tourism sector, still recovering from the challenges of the past few years, cannot afford further setbacks," he said via email on Thursday. "For many communities in Newfoundland and Labrador, especially those in more remote areas, Air Canada plays a vital role in transporting rotational workers, business travellers, and cargo to and from our province. If we can't get people and supplies in and out reliably, the economic ripple effect will be significant."

Canadian Press, with reporting from National Post



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Air Canada pilots stage an informational picket at Vancouver's airport in Richmond, B.C., on Aug. 27.

PARIS

FAMED BELLS OF NOTRE DAME RETURN FOR REOPENING

Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris is getting its bells back, just in time for the medieval landmark's reopening following a devastating 2019 fire. A convoy of trucks bearing eight restored bells — the heaviest of which weighs more than four tons — pulled into the huge work site surrounding the monument Thursday on an island in the Seine River. They are being blessed in a special ceremony inside



the cathedral before being hoisted to hang in its twin towers for the Dec. 8 reopening. Cathedral Rector Olivier Ribadeau Dumas, wearing a hard hat as he prepared to enter the cathedral and bless the bells, called them 'a sign that the cathedral will again resonate, and that its voice will be heard again. A sign of the call to prayer, and a sign of coming together.' *The Associated Press*

Russia attempts to retake Kursk area COUNTEROFFENSIVE

ANASTACIA GALOUCHKA AND LIZZIE JOHNSON

KYIV • Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy announced Thursday that Russia had launched a counter-offensive to take back the parts of its Kursk region occupied by Ukrainian forces last month.

The president also said that three staff members from the International Committee of the Red Cross were killed when their vehicles were hit by Russian shelling in the eastern Donetsk region. Speaking at a news conference with the Lithuanian president, Zelenskyy said that the Russian "counter-offensive actions were according to our Ukrainian plan."

He declined to say anything more about the region, which Ukraine overtook during a surprise incursion in early August. Zelenskyy has stated before that Kursk — where Ukraine grabbed about 500 square miles, including 100 settlements and nearly 800 prisoners of war — was part of his plan to end the conflict.

In the past two days, though, the Russian Defence Ministry said that its troops had reclaimed 10 settlements in the region.

The size, scale and outcome of the Russian counter-attack "are unclear and the situation remains fluid," said a report released Wednesday by the Institute for the Study of War, but it did report evidence of some Russian advances.

A commander fighting inside the Kursk region confirmed that the counter-offensive had begun but said that "everything is under control."

"We will hold," said the commander, whom The Post agreed to identify by his call sign, Boxer, in keeping with Ukrainian military protocol. "The situation is serious, everything is being shelled, and the road on which supplies were brought is no longer usable. It's under fire. Drones are already everywhere in Sudzha. But we are in control. We are holding."

On Tuesday, British Defence Secretary John Healey, in an update to the House of Commons, applauded the Kursk operation, adding that "the longer they hold Kursk, the weaker Putin becomes. The longer they hold Kursk, the better defended Ukraine will be."

Meanwhile, in the eastern city of Pokrovsk — an important logistics hub on which Russian troops are steadily advancing — Ukrainian authorities said that critical infrastructure had been destroyed in Russian attacks, leaving the city without gas for cooking or drinking water.

About 18,000 people remain in Pokrovsk, Donetsk regional Gov. Vadym Filashkin said, including 522 children. About 20,000 people have fled, and last week, the final evacuation train departed. "Evacuation is the only ... choice for civilians," Filashkin said.

In Virolubivka, near the front lines in the Donetsk region, two Red Cross vehicles about to distribute wood and coal to help warm homes this winter were hit by shelling, killing three people.

The Washington Post



A police officer in Ukraine's Donetsk region watches a Red Cross vehicle burn after it was hit in a Russian strike.

CITY IN QUEBEC SUING FEDS OVER HALFWAY HOUSE

'INCOMPATIBLE'

Saint-Jérôme wants to build a park instead

ANTOINE TRÉPANIÉ

OTTAWA • For years, the Quebec city of Saint-Jérôme has been trying to revitalize its downtown but, recently, things hit a major snag thanks to a move by the federal government that locals believe will jeopardize the whole plan.

A plan by Correctional Service Canada would place a new halfway house for criminals where local officials wanted to build a park, right at the entrance to the city's downtown. In response, the city is now suing the federal government to force Ottawa to consult with residents before going ahead with the decision.

From the 1970s to 2019, people visiting downtown Saint-Jérôme, a city of 80,213 people in the Laurentides region, were greeted by a century-old building called La Maison Taillon. It was a prison. In fact, it was a community correctional centre, the CCC Laferrière.

Five years ago, the federal government closed the building and demolished it earlier this year. At the time, the city saw an opportunity. The land is located in the heart of the Quartier des Arts et du Savoir, the city's arts district. Nearby, there is a university campus, a college, a cathedral, a museum, a theatre, a public library, government offices and a public market.

The city planned a "signature park" and offered another piece of land to the federal government so that it could build its new centre in a more convenient and appropriate location.

"Our position is firm: the community correctional centre has no place at the entrance to the city's downtown. We believe in the mission of this rehabilitation centre, but it is incompatible with the

aspirations of dynamism in this growing sector," said Mayor Marc Bourcier in May.

City council passed a resolution in 2022 to enter into negotiations with the federal government to acquire the land and offer Ottawa an alternative elsewhere in the city, according to court documents obtained by the National Post.

City officials reached out to Correctional Service of Canada Commissioner Anne Kelly. The response, it seems, was chilly.

Earlier this week, the city filed a judicial review application in Federal Court to force Ottawa to consult with its residents before deciding where to build its new facility.

It also asks the court to overturn Kelly's decision last month not to hold consultations under the "guidelines for the establishment and/or relocation of community correctional centres."

"The cessation of operations by the Correctional Service of Canada for 5 years and the demolition" of the centre "implies that the operations have been relocated to other sites," the document states. "Its return to the site therefore constitutes a development or relocation."

The Federal Court has not yet heard the case and the facts have not been tested in court.

The city claims that the commissioner argued in a letter that her organization had no obligation to consult the community since the land is Crown property.

Saint-Jérôme disagrees. According to city officials, the federal government seems to want to act quickly after dragging its feet for years.



Marc Bourcier

"The fact that the Correctional Service of Canada took four years to demolish the building on the site (...) also shows that there is no urgency to relocate the activities of the CCC Laferrière there without consulting the community," reads the court document.

The mayor plans to address the court case at a news conference Friday afternoon. Bourcier declined the National Post's request for an interview. On Thursday, Correctional Service Canada wrote in a statement that the government decided the centre would remain in the downtown location "to ensure that essential reintegration activities resume for the residents of Laferrière CCC as soon as possible and to reduce costs."

Also, Ottawa says it remains "open and committed" to discussing with Saint-Jérôme the terms and timeline of the reconstruction of the centre "on this site, as well as any action that could be taken to address concerns regarding the potential social, safety and economic effects of reconstructing the site."

In Saint-Jérôme, the battle with the federal government is being compared to David versus Goliath. The city wants to develop its downtown, but the federal government doesn't seem interested in collaborating.

The region's Bloc Québécois MP Rhéal Fortin said he has been working with federal officials for years to convince them to move the facility to a more appropriate location.

"The federal government doesn't care about what's happening in Quebec or in the municipalities and that hurts me a lot," Fortin told the National Post in an interview.

He said he understands that the federal government has a certain prerogative over the provinces and municipalities, but he does not understand Ottawa's "lack of respect."

"That's where it gets difficult. They say, 'We have the right to do what we want, so we do what we want.' The least we can do is consult the people of Saint-Jérôme," he said.

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ALBERTO FUJIMORI
1938-2024

Ex-leader of Peru leaves divisive legacy

FRANKLIN BRICENO

LIMA, PERU • Alberto Fujimori, whose decade-long presidency began with triumphs righting Peru's economy and defeating a brutal insurgency only to end in autocratic excess that later sent him to prison, has died. He was 86.

His death Wednesday in the capital, Lima, was announced by his daughter, Keiko Fujimori, in a post on X.

Fujimori, who governed with an increasingly authoritarian hand in 1990-2000, was pardoned in December from his convictions for corruption and responsibility for the murder of 25 people. His daughter said in July he was planning to run for Peru's presidency for the fourth time in 2026.

The former university president and mathematics professor was the consummate political outsider when he emerged from obscurity to win Peru's 1990 election over writer Mario Vargas Llosa. Over a tumultuous political career, he repeatedly made risky, go-for-broke decisions that earned him adoration and reproach.

He took over a country ravaged by runaway inflation and guerrilla violence, mending the economy with bold actions including mass privatizations of state industries. Defeating fanatical Shining Path rebels took a little longer but also won him broad-based support.

His presidency, however, collapsed as dramatically.

After briefly shutting down Congress and elbowing himself into a controversial third term, he fled the country in disgrace in 2000 when leaked videotapes showed his spy chief, Vladimiro Montesinos, bribing lawmakers. The president went to Japan and famously faxed in his resignation.

He stunned people five years later, arriving in Chile, where he was arrested and extradited to Peru and faced charges of abuse of power.

He became the first former president in the world to be tried and convicted in his own country for human rights violations. He was not found to have personally ordered the 25 death-squad killings for which he was convicted, but he was deemed responsible because the crimes were committed in his government's name.

His congresswoman daughter Keiko ran for president but was defeated.

"After a long battle with cancer, our father, Alberto Fujimori, has just departed to meet the Lord," she said on X on Wednesday.

He is survived by his four children. The oldest, Keiko, became first lady in 1996 when his father divorced his mother, Susana Higuchi.

The Associated Press



Alberto Fujimori

SASKATCHEWAN

THREE PEOPLE
FOUND DEAD IN
LLOYDMINSTER: RCMP

Three people in Lloydminster, Sask., have been found dead, Alberta RCMP said Thursday morning. At roughly 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, officers responded to an "unfolding incident" in Lloydminster, police said in a news release. Just before 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, police were still investigating the scene and at 11:20 a.m. police confirmed that three individuals were confirmed dead at a home on the Saskatchewan side of the border. Multiple media reports from the scene show yellow police tape blocking off a home, as well as an adjacent road and alleyway. Postmedia has learned from a relative through marriage that the house belonged to an older man who lived there for "15 to 20 years" and the other two people found dead were his sons, both "in their late 20s, and early 30s." *Postmedia News*



SIX CANADIAN
PLOTS FOILED
SINCE OCT. 7

'Extremist
Islamism'

EHSSANULLAH AMINI

Since the October 7 terror attacks in Israel, Canadian police have thwarted six alleged terror plots across the country, with arrests spanning from Edmonton to Ottawa to Toronto.

Some of the plots reportedly targeted the Jewish community, reflecting rising concerns over the safety of Jewish Canadians.

Since the outbreak of war in Gaza, following the Hamas massacre of more than 1,200 people in Israel and the taking of hostages, massive anti-Israel protests have erupted worldwide, including in Canada. Some of these protests have featured slogans in support of Hamas, one of the terrorist organizations responsible for the Oct. 7 attack. This has heightened fears within Jewish communities, as some protests have targeted Jewish institutions, such as synagogues.

Canada, long known for its liberal values and commitment to multiculturalism, is now grappling with the complex challenges posed by these threats. The increasing incidents of violence and foiled terror plots have raised alarm about the country potentially becoming a focal point for extremist activities. Global terrorism networks, such as ISIS, have previously attempted to recruit and organize plotters in Canadian cities such as Toronto, putting the nation at risk of becoming a safe haven for terrorism.

"There is a crisis of extremist Islamism in Canada," said Richard Marceau, author and editor of the Canadian Haggadah in a post on X, formerly known as Twitter. "If we don't take this seriously, Canadians will die."

Here's a list of the known alleged terror plots thwarted by police since October 7.

SEPTEMBER 2024

Muhammad Shahzeb Khan, a 20-year-old Pakistani citizen, was arrested this month in Quebec for alleged planning to target Jewish civilians in New York City.

Khan, residing in Canada on a student visa since 2023, attempted to cross the border to the United States with the intention to "kill as many Jewish civilians as possible" and target a Jewish centre in Brooklyn with guns and knives in support of the Islamic State (ISIL), according to the RCMP and U.S. authorities. The FBI said Khan used an encrypted messaging app to communicate with undercover agents posing as his accomplices, asking them to purchase weapons to carry out the attack.

Immigration Minister Marc Miller told reporters Tuesday that Khan received his student visa in May 2023 and entered through Throno-Pearson Airport on June 24, 2023.

Khan was arrested on Sept. 4, just 20 minutes from the U.S. border in the small Quebec town of Ormstown after changing vehicles three times while travelling from Toronto.

He faces three charges in Canada and one charge in the United States of attempting to provide material support and resources to a designated foreign terrorist organization. He also faces extradition to the U.S.

"Our government must act immediately to prevent the entry into Canada of those who harbor radical views and to prevent the further radicalization of its citizens," said a statement from B'nai Brith Canada, the largest Jewish advocacy organization in the country. "Canada is becoming a breeding ground for terrorists. There can be no more excuses. The safety and security of our nation must remain paramount."

AUGUST 2024

On Aug. 22, the RCMP announced the arrest of a youth in the Greater Toronto Area "who was allegedly participating in the activities of a listed terrorist group."

The charges include participating in the activities of a terrorist group to enhance its ability to carry out terrorist activities and counselling another person to commit a terrorism offence, according to the RCMP. The alleged offences occurred when the accused was a minor, and the person cannot be named due to the Youth Criminal Justice Act. The RCMP released no further information on alleged motive or targets.

JULY 2024

In late July, Ahmed Fouad Mostafa Eldidi, 62, and his 26-year-old son Mostafa Eldidi were apprehended in a hotel in Richmond Hill, north of Toronto, when both were allegedly in "advanced stages of planning a serious, violent attack in Toronto." Both possessed a machete and an axe at the time of their arrest, the RCMP said.

The target of the father and son in Toronto remains unclear.

The senior Eldidi came to Canada in 2018 and became a Canadian citizen two months before his arrest. His son is not a Canadian citizen, he entered Canada in 2020 and obtained refugee status in 2022.

Canada Border Services Agency officials told a House of Commons committee meeting that they were unaware that Ahmed Fouad Mostafa Eldidi had been featured in an ISIL video in 2015 when his immigration application was approved.

Both father and son, born in Egypt, face nine charges of terrorism activities, including committing murder on behalf of the Islamic State.

On July 22, a man with a knife who attempted to attack Israeli soldiers in the West Bank was identified as a Canadian from Alberta.

He was reportedly shot after screaming "Free Palest-

ine!" and rushing toward Israeli security guards at Netiv Ha'asara, an Israeli village, with a knife.

Video of the attack released by the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) shows armed guards patrolling the community's fortified front gate as he charges them before the guards shoot him dead.

The man was 21-year-old Zachariah Adam Quraishi. His father released a public message acknowledging his son's death.

"My 21-year-old son Zachariah was killed. I'm not able to talk now ... I'm processing. Prayers pls. He was an empathetic boy. I'm confused," Adam Quraishi, a teacher from Cold Lake, Alta., wrote on Facebook.

JANUARY 2024

In late January, a heavily intoxicated man was arrested in Ottawa City Hall in an attack that the RCMP later said was politically motivated.

The man was identified by police as Rezaul Karim Sarwar, 28. Sarwar entered the municipal building bearing at least one long gun and several Molotov cocktails, the Edmonton Police Service said. He appeared to be firing "randomly," hitting the ceiling, walls, and windows, and had set a small fire near an elevator, apparently with explosives. Some glass in City Hall was destroyed by gunshots.

Sarwar faces six charges, including possession of incendiary material, arson, throwing explosives with intent to cause harm, and careless use of a weapon.

Before the attack, he posted a lengthy video manifesto online, addressing a wide range of issues about Canada and the war in Gaza.

In the video, Sarwar said people need to "rise up" against inflation and the housing shortage. The video also calls for people to "rise up" to stop "this genocide that's going on in Gaza and throughout the world."

"Anybody that is destabilizing other countries, hurting their community, should feel ashamed of themselves, and inshallah we will rise against you guys and we'll put you on trial," Sarwar says.

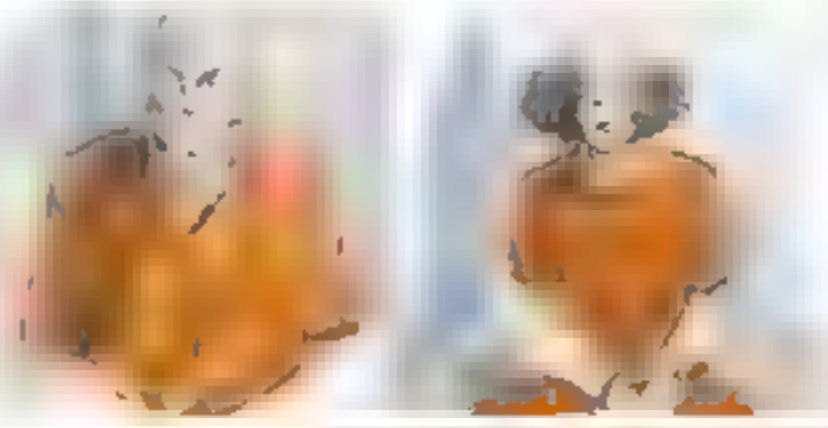
DECEMBER 2023

On Dec. 15, a 15-year-old Ottawa boy was arrested for alleged terrorism activities, which police said targeted Jewish people.

Days later in court, the minor faced five terrorism- and explosive-related charges for allegedly possessing bomb-making materials, such as chemicals and metal ball bearings.

A copy of the detailed charges obtained by National Post revealed his communication with others in Canada and the U.S. about how to make bombs.

National Post



Ahmed Fouad Mostafa Eldidi, 62, left, is seen in a courtroom sketch with his son, Mostafa Eldidi.



A family friend has set up a GoFundMe page to help cover funeral costs for Brianna MacDonald, 13, who overdosed in a homeless camp in Abbotsford, B.C.

This girl, 13, died
of an overdose at
a homeless camp

STEWART LAWIN

The family of 13-year-old Brianna MacDonald is urging changes to treatment for addicts who are minors after the girl died from a suspected overdose last month in a homeless camp in Abbotsford, B.C. Her grieving parents say their ongoing attempts to get Brianna help for her addictions and mental health issues were ignored. They say the system failed Brianna when she was discharged from a care facility despite their repeated requests to keep her there and administer treatment.

Brianna's mother, Sarah MacDonald, says her daughter started smoking pot at just 10-and-a-half years old. And by age 12, Brianna was using a drug known as "molly" or ecstasy, which is often thought to be a purer form of MDMA, a lab-made drug. Users can experience euphoric highs and hallucinogenic effects. In high doses, says the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, it can potentially lead to a sharp increase in body temperature and result in liver, kidney or cardiovascular system failure, swelling of the brain, and even death.

"I think a lot of the reasons she was doing the drugs was the mental health problems she was having, and she was trying to drown them with drugs," Brianna's mother is quoted by CTV News.

The family alleges that despite her age, Brianna was able to obtain Fraser Health drug paraphernalia including needles, naloxone kits and pamphlets on how to use safely. Fraser Health is the largest regional health authority in B.C.

Instead of that paraphernalia, says the family, they wanted Fraser Health to provide Brianna with treatment.

Brianna's mother says her daughter was hospitalized for a suspected overdose in February. She was first at the BC Children's Hospital and then transferred to a child psychiatric ward at Surrey Memorial.

The parents say they

begged the hospital not to let Brianna leave. They wanted her held involuntarily so she could receive help.

"I mean, I begged them and so did her dad ... We said she's not mentally capable. She was sticking pencils through her hand when she was in the psych ward there," her mother told CTV News.

However, they were told Brianna had the right to decide herself, despite being just 12 years old at the time, and she was discharged.

Since parents have legal responsibility for their children, they should have the legal right to ensure their children receive care, says Brianna's father, Jesse Griffith. "The parents have to be able to mandate that the kids stay (in a care facility)."

The family says Brianna eventually became violent at home and her mother said she had to be treated in hospital.

With other children at home, Sarah said she couldn't have Brianna there if she was using drugs.

Instead, Brianna was placed in a youth centre in Abbotsford. But she ran away and ended up in a homeless camp, which has since been dismantled.

She died inside her tent, say her parents.

Abbotsford Police responded to a call to assist B.C. emergency services on Aug. 23 at approximately 3 a.m., says media relations officer Const. Artur Stele. Despite best efforts made at the scene "the female succumbed," he told National Post.

Brianna's body was taken to "the coroner's office whose autopsy may reveal findings specific to the cause of death," says Stele.

The area where Brianna was found "is known to have a presence of unhoused individuals" but police couldn't confirm whether the overdose occurred within the encampment or close by. How Brianna obtained the drug paraphernalia is unknown to the police.

Despite Brianna's difficulties, Sarah says they texted or spoke every day. Sarah also visited Brianna in the camp.

The family is now calling

on the B.C. government to change the regulations to support involuntary treatment when requested by parents and to do more to protect children like Brianna.

Fraser Health said in a statement to CTV that it is reviewing the care provided to Brianna.

"We believe it is crucial to honour her memory by carefully examining what happened, learning from this tragedy, and working together to ensure that such a heartbreaking loss doesn't happen again."

Fraser Health also said medical intervention and decisions involving the treatment of young addicts with mental health challenges are made by health-care providers and guided by consent rules under the B.C. Infants Act.

Fraser Health also said that its records indicate only Narcan was provided to the family for Brianna. Also known as Naloxone, the medication can reverse an opioid overdose.

The ongoing overdose crisis in B.C. is confirmed by statistics released by the provincial coroner service. Early this year, the service said toxic, unregulated drugs claimed the lives of at least 2,511 people in British Columbia in 2023, the largest number of drug-related deaths ever reported. That equates to an average of 6.9 deaths a day and is five per cent more than the previous high of 2,383 deaths recorded in 2022.

"Tragically, toxic, illicit drugs are continuing to cause unprecedented numbers of deaths across our province," said Lisa Lapointe, chief coroner in a January statement.

"We cannot bring our deceased loved ones back, but we can and must do much more to protect the lives of tens of thousands of our family members, friends and colleagues still at risk."

Laura Lee Csardi, a friend of Brianna's family, has set up a GoFundMe page to help with funeral expenses. The aim is to raise \$10,000. To date over \$3,000 has been raised.

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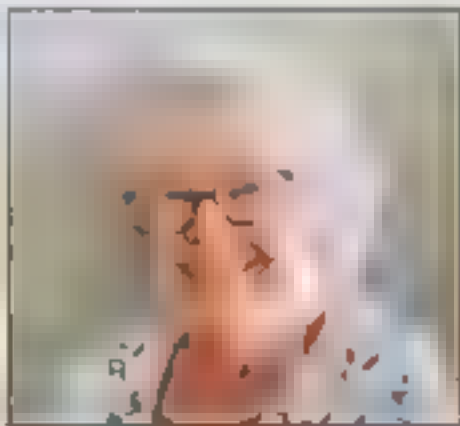
BRUNNHOFER, Erna Maria
May 15, 1928 - August 29, 2024

The Brunnhofer family is saddened to share the news that our matriarch, the beautiful Erna, passed away peacefully in her home at the age of 96. Erna was predeceased by her husband of 53 years, Adolf Sr., and her son, Adolf Jr. She is survived by her daughter Monika (Donald Woody) granddaughters, Stephanie and Adele, Adolf's long-time partner Angela, and great-grandson, Felix. She is also survived by her younger brother Johann Gerhard Zugschwert, of whom she was always extremely proud, and a large family in her home country of Austria. A Funeral Service will be held at FOSTER'S GARDEN CHAPEL, 3220 - 4 Street N.W. Calgary, Alberta (across from Queen's Park Cemetery) on Saturday September 21, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Queen's Park Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be forwarded to the family via the website www.fostersgardenchapel.ca.

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Doris Mae
Grout

August 23, 1929
August 8, 2024



GROUT, Doris Mae
August 23, 1929 - August 8, 2024

Doris Mae Grout, born in Olds, AB, on August 23, 1929, passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 8, 2024, at the age of 94 years.

Doris was a successful businesswoman who worked alongside her beloved husband, Fred, in various ventures. Together they traveled the world and enjoyed a wonderful life. Doris had many hobbies, including knitting, birdwatching, gardening, sewing, embroidery, and baking.

After retiring, Doris discovered her passion for quilting, which she pursued enthusiastically until the age of 92. Every Wednesday she would quilt with friends, a cherished weekly tradition. Doris won numerous ribbons for her work and even donated quilts to raise funds for sick children.

Throughout her life, Doris helped others. She was an active member of Daughters of the Nile, raising funds for children's hospitals well into her eighties. Along with her dear friend, Darlene Miller, she designed a doll named Sara, used by healthcare providers to explain medical procedures to sick children. At 93, Doris made one last donation of her hand-knitted toques and mittens to the homeless.

Doris was a loving, kind, and generous supporter of her family. She will always be in our hearts and never forgotten.

Doris is survived by her loving children, Patricia (Dennis) and Tim (Patty); her grandchildren, Travis (Tania), Isaac, Stasia (Stephane), Craig (Kathleen), and Lucas (Tome), and her great-grandchildren, Wyatt, Alexander, and Amelia. She is also survived by her sister Thelma Nicholson, and numerous nieces and nephews. Doris was predeceased by her husband Frederick, parents, Mary and Albert Gémone, her brothers, Bryce and Elmer, and sister Olive Davis.

Doris will be laid to rest at Westerdale Cemetery, AB. A Celebration of her Life will be announced in 2025 for family and friends.

Condolences, memories, and photos may be shared and viewed with Doris's family at www.MHFM.com.

In living memory of Doris Grout, a tree will be planted in the Ann & Sandy Cross Conservation Area by McInnis & Holloway Funeral Homes.

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HAMEL, Thomas Hugh
Dec 30, 1957 - Aug 29, 2024

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the sudden passing of Thomas Hugh Hamel of Calgary, AB, on Thursday, August 29, 2024, at the age of 66.

Tom enjoyed a successful career as a Red Seal carpenter, general contractor, and entrepreneur. A devoted family man, he dedicated his life to his four children and six grandchildren, cherishing every moment spent with them. Tom will be remembered as a loving father, doting grandfather, mischievous brother, and forever friend.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Highwood Community Association (16 Harlow Avenue NW, Calgary AB) on Friday, September 20, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

Condolences, memories, and photos may be shared and viewed with Thomas's family at www.MHFM.com.

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HENDERSON, Robert Roy
1928 - 2024

Roy Henderson of Calgary, AB, passed away on September 8, 2024, shortly before his 96th birthday.

For ten years (1960-70) Roy was Max Bell's executive assistant. After Mr. Bell's death, Roy became an entrepreneur, owning and operating Tippy's Taco House, Rob Roy World Travel, and California Holidays. He retired in 2001 at the age of 73.

Roy's advice was valued in Christian circles. He served on the advisory board of the Canadian Bible Society and was finance chairman for the 1981 Billy Graham Crusade in Calgary. Roy was a founding member of Operation Eyesight and The Mustard Seed Street Ministry.

He will be lovingly remembered by his wife Elsa and his five children, Laura Lee Henderson, Joy (Allen) Matthews, Rob (Kim) Henderson, Paul (Janice) Henderson, and Nicole (John) Evans; ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Roy's name to The Mustard Seed.

Quan, Dun Sung
(Danny)

Jan 1, 1928 - Aug 27, 2024

It is with deepest sorrow we announce the passing of Dun Sung (Danny) Quan on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at the age of 96 years.

Condolences, memories and photos may be shared and viewed at www.dignitymemorial.com

THE MEASURE OF A MAN

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But "how did he live"
Not "what did he gain"
But "what did he give"
These are the units
To measure the worth of a man
at a man
Regardless of birth



LINDEBNER, John
1943 - 2024

Forever remembered and deeply missed, my dad John Lindebner joined the love of his life in heaven on Saturday August 31, 2024 at the age of 81 years.

Johnny will be remembered as an amazing cook with a great sense of humor and the kindest heart. He was the most giving and genuine person one could ever meet. Family was everything to Johnny.

There are not enough words to adequately describe the exceptional human being that was my dad, my mama's husband, my son's grandfather, Johnny. Love, Grandma.

will live the rest of my life in a way that will make him proud.

Johnny will be forever loved by his beloved dog Bud (Pud), daughter and "roomy" Colleen McCarroll, Kim Peddie, his grandson Jordan Hossack, his niece Cindy (Kevin) Speers and family, as well as by his extended family and many friends.

John was predeceased by his wife Catherine, whose hand he's holding now.

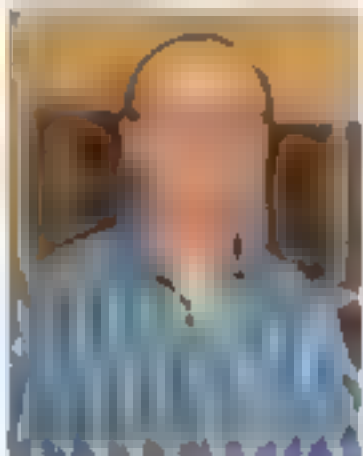
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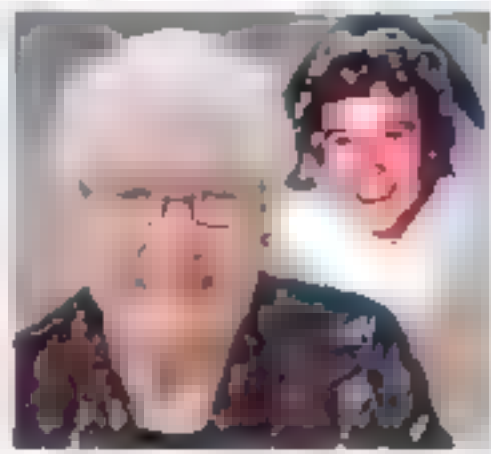


PETIT, Christian Laurier
Emile

Oct 20, 1945 - Sep 1, 2024

With sadness, the family of Christian Petit announces his passing on Sunday, September 1, 2024 at the age of 78. Photos, memories and condolences may be shared with Christian's family through www.everstrong.com

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STEVENS (NEE BOYES),
Marina Agnes

Nov 25, 1934 - Sep 10, 2024

Marina Stevens (nee Boyes) of Calgary, AB, passed away on Tuesday September 10, 2024, at the age of 89 years.

Marina's obituary is being finalized which will be posted in the next few days.

A Memorial Service will be held at McInnis & Holloway (Park Memorial 5008 Elbow Drive SW Calgary, AB) on Saturday November 9, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. Reception to follow in the Hospitality Centre at the Funeral Home.

Condolences, memories, and photos may be shared and viewed with Marina's family at www.MHFM.com.

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stories never
have endings."
- Richard Bach



SEAN KILPATRICK - THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tom Clark, Consul General of Canada in New York, told MPs he had "no role whatsoever in either deciding to sell the former residence or buying the new one."

Briefing: NYC consul general key in choosing \$9M condo

Later emails said Clark's role was misrepresented

CATHERINE LÉVESQUE

OTTAWA • An internal briefing note from Global Affairs Canada in June described New York consul general Tom Clark as having been "instrumental" in the choice of his new official residence, but the information was corrected in an update a month later.

The National Post obtained a copy of these emails that were presented in evidence during Clark's much-awaited testimony on Thursday at a House of Commons committee investigating the purchase of the \$9-million luxury condo in Manhattan.

On June 17, GAC director and chief of staff Emily Nicholson wrote to then Foreign Affairs Minister Melanie Joly's chief of staff Peter Wilkinson to offer an update and the rationale for selling the current official residence for the Canadian consulate in New York.

"The current residence had been identified as unsuitable for representational activities or residential use, and was not meeting the mission's needs," wrote Nicholson.

"Both the mission, including the HUM (head of mission), and the property team in Ottawa, agreed on the need to identify a replacement property," she added.

Nicholson also wrote that Clark and his staff had been "instrumental throughout this process," with Clark "providing the greenlight for the selection of the new residence."

Wilkinson thanked Nicholson for her briefing note and said the decision to sell the current residence and purchase a new one seemed to be a "logical step to take."

In mid-July, American media was speculating that King Charles had purchased a swanky condo at the cost of \$9 million on Billionaire's Row just south of Central Park.

It turned out that the condo was in fact bought by "His Majesty the King in Right of Canada."

The attention quickly fizzled in the U.S. but picked up in Canada, where federal Conservatives have been decrying it as a waste of money. They have also been accusing Clark, a former CTV journalist, of demanding a new official residence as soon as he was appointed in 2023.

On July 25, Nicholson's tune changed when she sent another email to Wilkinson to let him know that no heads of mission, including

Clark, were involved in the "selection or approval process for the overall process or the property purchase" of the \$9-million condo.

GAC officials testified in August to the government operations committee that Clark did not influence the government's decision to purchase the piece of real estate.

They not only reiterated that stance in a document sent to members of the committee to answer some of their followup questions but said that there was a "misrepresentation" of Clark's involvement in Nicholson's initial email to Joly's chief of staff in June.

"The employee gathering and summarizing the information was not part of the process and therefore made an error in describing the situation," it reads. "There was no influence from Mr. Clark. He was not involved in the consultation and decision-making process."

Clark told MPs on Thursday he only became aware of the June email less than 48 hours prior to his committee appearance and said its contents were "untrue."

"I have not ever met Emily Nicholson or spoken to Emily Nicholson, but I share with you the astonishment that something would be written that is so completely wrong," he said. "I had no role whatsoever in either deciding to sell the former residence or buying the new one. That was completely undertaken by the property bureau in Ottawa. I was not involved in the selection of the new property, its amenities or its location," he added.

Clark said it was only after an offer had been made to buy the condo that he saw it.

Nicholson's July email noted concerns about the condition of the current official residence of the consul general in New York were first raised in 2014, long before Clark was appointed. But the intention before his arrival in 2023 was to renovate the condo.

GAC investigated the real estate market for suitable properties for months before settling for the last unit in Steinway Hall at a lower price than originally listed.

The department claims the new residence represents up to \$7.4 million in savings for taxpayers, since it comes at a lower cost than the \$13 million listing price of the current one and will eliminate \$2.6 million in renovation costs and save \$115,000 in annual operational fees.

Conservative MP Michael Barrett told Clark not to get too comfortable once he settles into the new official residence. "Sir, keep your bags packed in that new place. Conservatives are going to fire you."

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TELUS CLASS ACTION LEGAL NOTICE

IF YOU CONTRACTED WITH TELUS FOR PREPAID CELLULAR TELEPHONE SERVICES BETWEEN JANUARY 21, 1999 AND APRIL 2005 OR POSTPAID CELLULAR TELEPHONE SERVICES BETWEEN JANUARY 21, 1999 AND APRIL 2010 (INCLUSIVE), YOU MAY HAVE LEGAL RIGHTS IN A CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT.

Class Actions Proceedings

Class actions proceedings have been commenced in British Columbia and Alberta alleging that beginning in January 1999, TELUS engaged in billing practices that breached consumer protection legislation in British Columbia and Alberta (the "Class Actions"). The proceedings have been certified in British Columbia.

A settlement has been reached to resolve the Class Actions, subject to the approval of the courts in British Columbia and Alberta. The Defendants will fund up to \$3,700,000 for \$10 vouchers which can be redeemed at TELUS Corporate Stores for in-store purchases of accessories and post-paid devices, a \$125,000 charitable donation for the benefit of Class Members as well as the legal fees of class counsel in exchange for a full release of all claims. The Defendants do not admit any liability or wrongdoing.

You are a class member in the Class Actions if you are resident of British Columbia or Alberta and you contracted for cellular telephone services through TELUS between January 21, 1999 and April 2005 in the case of prepaid customers or between January 21, 1999 and April 2010 in the case of postpaid customers (the "Class Members").

Certification and Settlement Approval Hearing

A hearing to consider approval of the Settlement will be heard by the Supreme Court of British Columbia in the City of Vancouver on **October 21, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.**. A hearing to consider certification and approval of the Settlement will be heard by the Court of King's Bench of Alberta in the City of Edmonton on **October 28, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.**

Class Members will be bound by the terms of the settlement agreement if approved by the courts.

If you wish to comment on or object to the settlements, you must do so in writing by **October 14, 2024**.

Where Can I Get More Information?

More information can be found at telus.settlement.ca. You can also contact Class Counsel at the contact information below.

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This notice contains a summary of some of the terms of the settlement agreement in the Class Actions. If there is a conflict between the provisions of this notice and settlement agreement, including the schedules to the settlement agreement, the settlement agreement shall prevail.



The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Joel Fagliano

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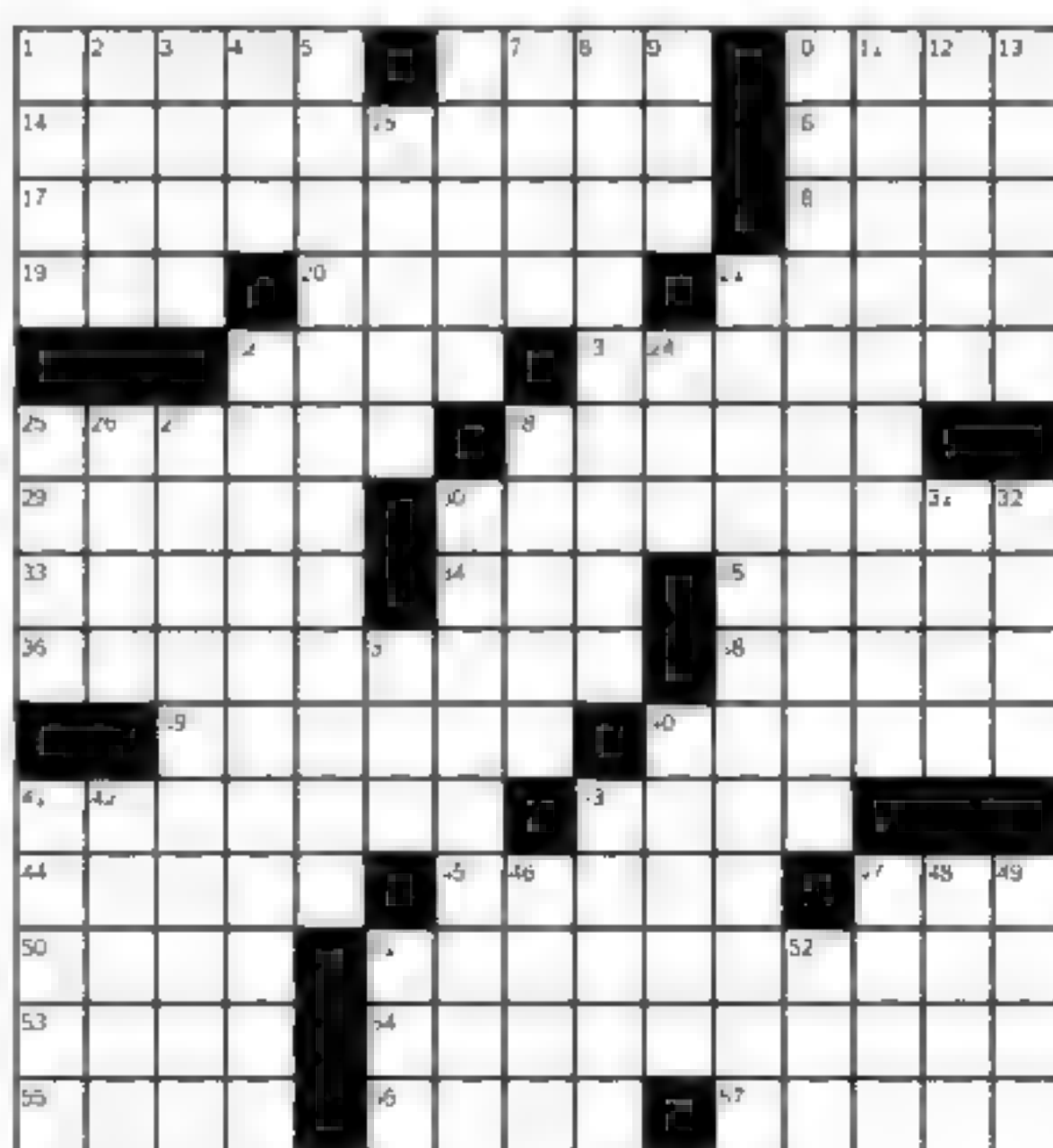
- 1 Listing on a résumé
- 6 Bad news from a maître d'
- 10 Ocean spray
- 14 The Black Keys and the White Stripes, e.g.
- 16 "Why would you ever think that?!"
- 17 Retire while successful
- 18 Music magazine since 1985
- 19 Short elevations?
- 20 T, for one
- 21 Sparkly collectible
- 22 Early stage
- 23 Top marks
- 25 Goes easy on
- 28 Sub groups
- 29 Email ancestor
- 30 Taps one's foot, maybe

- 33 Where you can find ME
- 34 Nonstandard: Abbr.
- 35 Unit?
- 36 Subway fare
- 38 City once home to Black Wall Street
- 39 Animals that appear in the fossil record before trees
- 40 Unlawful coercion
- 41 Sources of some political gaffes
- 43 Middle word of a Stowe title
- 44 Introduce to the mix
- 45 What awakens Godzilla from the ocean, informally
- 47 "Les ___"
- 50 Japanese noodles
- 51 Rodeo event

- 53 Camp sight
- 54 "It's been too long!"
- 55 You are, on the Yucatán
- 56 Helpful how-to
- 57 "Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?" George Carlin

DOWN

- 1 Something to heave
- 2 Wedding planning website, with "the"
- 3 Wedding exchange
- 4 Fourth-most-common surname in China (after Wang, Li and Zhang)
- 5 "Don't get mad yet ..."
- 6 Marvel's Maximoff
- 7 Entry fee for some clubs?
- 8 Blind worshippers
- 9 Alternative to a pinch: Abbr.
- 10 Journeys into the past?
- 11 Out of the question
- 12 Nasty as a remark
- 13 Busy signals, e.g.
- 15 Kicks (out)
- 21 Cocktail vessel
- 22 Apt anagram of TINS BEAR THEM, minus an E
- 24 Dynamism



PUZZLE BY MEHAKT MEHTA

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

PARRUBERX JOKE
OBOE NEVER ARID
SCOTCH SODA WELD
TSTORMS AND YNASTY
CLUE DESI
SCADS MED GASPS
LOU ARF OH THAT
EASIER SAID T AND ONE
ETERNE COD WEE
PISAN STU T CELL
UNTO CHAR
C AND ELIER GOES BAD
ASIA MINUTE HAND
MURK EVENT ETTA
EPEE AETNA WHEY

- 25 Double (cookie descriptor)
- 26 Replacement for the Spanish colonial real
- 27 "One more minute!"
- 28 They might fall off a shelf
- 30 Stigmatize sexual preferences, in modern jargon
- 31 Fiasco
- 32 Meiji and Taisho, in Japanese history
- 37 Middle-earth menace
- 40 Heads, sangri
- 41 cuisine
- 42 Less expected
- 43 Line drawn after an early wrong guess in hangman
- 46 Part of a hat
- 47 Question that's often a directive to step aside
- 48 Taskbar image
- 49 A statue of him was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World
- 51 Prospect ve Olympic city's campaign
- 52 Vitamin qty.

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Canada Bread is accusing Maple Leaf Foods of using it as a "shield" to avoid liability in the alleged bread price-fixing scheme that's the subject of two class-action lawsuits and an ongoing Competition Bureau investigation. In filings in an Ontario court as part of one of the class actions, Canada Bread alleges Maple Leaf broke the law and breached its management agreements. Maple Leaf was the controlling shareholder of Canada Bread



up until Grupo Bimbo bought the company in 2014. Canada Bread is so far the only company to be fined by the Competition Bureau in relation to the alleged scheme, taking a \$50-million hit in 2023. The company alleges Maple Leaf is liable for any damages it has sustained or will sustain from the Competition Bureau investigation and the lawsuits. Maple Leaf did not immediately respond to a request for comment. *The Canadian Press*

Political heat for Brookfield over Carney's ties with PM

BRIAN PLATT

Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre, the favourite to win the next federal election, attacked former central banker Mark Carney for agreeing to help Justin Trudeau on economic policy.

Carney, who's chair of Brookfield Asset Management and head of its transition investing group, is giving advice to the prime minister's Liberal Party on economic growth and productivity in advance of the next campaign, which is due in 2025.

Poievre alleged Carney was attempting to duck conflict-of-interest disclosures by developing policy for the political party, rather than taking a government position. "He gets all the power and all the money and none of the accountability," the Conservative chief said, referring to Carney as a "phantom finance minister."

It's a signal that the more Carney becomes involved in partisan politics, the more his business associations may be pulled into the fray. Carney holds a series of other business and philanthropic positions, including roles on the advisory board of Pacific Investment Management Co. and chair of Bloomberg Inc.

Poievre went on to criticize Brookfield directly, calling it a "large multinational corporation that's moving investment to China" and stating that the firm buys stakes in international fossil fuel projects while Carney opposes them in Canada for environmental reasons.

Carney has publicly said he agreed with Trudeau's decision to quash the Northern Gateway oil pipeline project, but that some oil and gas investments are still necessary during the clean-energy transition.

Neither Carney nor Brookfield, a Toronto-based global investment firm that manages about US\$1 trillion in assets, immediately responded to requests for comment.

Carney — who has the rare distinction of having led two major central banks, first as governor of the Bank of Canada and then the Bank of England — serves as the United Nations special envoy on climate action



Mark Carney

and finance.

Poievre also slammed Carney's support of carbon pricing, referring to him repeatedly as "Carbon Tax Carney." Trudeau's government brought in a national carbon tax on consumer fuels in 2019 and Poievre has made it a central issue, pledging to scrap it if elected.

At a parliamentary committee earlier this year, Carney told lawmakers the carbon tax has "served a purpose up until now" and anyone who wants to eliminate it should come up with a "credible and predictable" alternative. *Bloomberg*



Rate sites are a great way for borrowers to get an understanding of the mortgage landscape, but confirming any information with a competent broker is a wise strategy. Robert McLister writes. *GERRY*

COMMENT

Mortgage rate tracking sites are an invaluable tool for borrowers



ROBERT McLISTER

No layperson tracks mortgage rates daily, unless they have a peculiar hobby. Hence, the birth of mortgage rate comparison sites.

Rate sites are the most important mortgage shopping innovation since the invention of the Internet. They unequivocally help people save more, and their rates serve as benchmarks when negotiating with lenders.

But rate sites aren't all created equal. With 17 years of mortgage rate tracking and a decade running a rate comparison site under my belt, I can tell you that each site has its quirks. Knowing these quirks is key to scoring not just a great rate, but a phenomenal one.

How rate sites work: Rate sites are in it to make a buck. Their cash flow comes mainly from three streams: charging advertisers (lenders and mortgage brokers) around \$40 to \$100 per lead; selling advertising; or earning commissions by funneling borrowers to their own brokerage.

The key takeaway is that rate sites are just the start of mortgage research. Moreover, most of them focus on prime mortgage customers only, so if your credit has seen better days, or your debt-to-income ratio is high, or

you have a less marketable property, you're probably out of luck.

Most rate sites also fall short in giving you the full scoop needed to make a savvy mortgage choice. For instance, they often skip over such mortgage minefields as:

- Nightmarish prepayment penalties
- Lack of portability
- Refinance restrictions
- Crummy early-refinance rates and
- Lousy rates when converting from variable to fixed.

Rate sites also don't tell you a lender's qualification criteria. For example, some don't quote rates specific to your equity. (Rates differ by the size of your loan relative to your home value — a.k.a. your "loan-to-value ratio, or LTV.")

In short, confirming rate site info with a competent mortgage broker is crucial. For prime borrowers who can get approved anywhere, rate sites give you a running start. They show you which providers are offering deals you should shortlist before contacting them for the whole story. The best rate sites

WOWA

Wowo is run by a Ph.D. in chemical physics who wanted to make rates more transparent. What separates Wowo is that it strives to be a personal finance encyclopedia. Its mortgage calculators are robust, and its mortgage tips are accurate.

In the rate department, Wowo swiftly showcases top offers by province for the three key loan types — insured, insurable, and

uninsured — making lender and broker names clearly visible.

Wowo.ca also spans a broad range of lenders and products than most of its peers and includes rate history. It even shows non-prime rates and rental rates from brokers, which most others don't — although, the best rental rates are often available directly from big banks.

RATESHUB

Rates.ca, or RHC for short, features a wizard interface that quizzes you before spitting out a rate recommendation without much explanation, leaving some users scratching their heads as to why it's the best choice.

The wizard at RHC also fences fixed-rate shoppers into only three- or five-year terms, which is a real bummer if you're in the market for a one-, two-, or four-year mortgage. Plus, it doesn't cater to all provinces.

RDC does offer a rate table, yet both the wizard's and the table's rates sometimes lag in timeliness or competitiveness compared to other sites we monitor. On the upside, RDC's rate table shows 65 per cent and 80 per cent LTV "insurable" rates, which are often lower than uninsured rates — for those with 20 per cent equity or more and homes purchased for under \$1 million.

Full disclosure: this company's predecessor bought my old rate site, but I no longer have any affiliation with them.

EVERYRATE

Everyrate is the latest to the rate comparison party, having

launched just a few months back. The reason it's relevant is that it claims to have the most lenders of any competitor. That matters because a regional provider will often have lower rates than a national lender.

The platform also prides itself on a clean interface that dives deeper into rate features than most, a domain where other rate sites typically drop the ball.

Everyrate turns a profit by funneling users to its own brokerage, so you won't spot other brokers here (a downside). They also have "Hot Rate" deals with obscured lender identities, mirroring tactics from hotel sites like Hotwire.

RATEHUB

This is the most prominent rate site in Canada, and you'll see them everywhere on Google if you search anything mortgage-related. The issue with Ratehub is that it doesn't show as many lenders, which means you may miss some deals.

Ratehub also excludes competing mortgage brokers from its site. Instead, it tries to route mortgage customers to its in-house brokerage. Sometimes that's a good thing, because it frequently has the lowest rates for select terms, but not always.

Ratehub also hides the names of some lenders, which many users find irritating. Its mortgage calculators are top-notch, however, and it also shows rental property rates.

FINANCIAL POST

The Financial Post's rate page has one main goal: to quickly show the lowest insured and uninsured rates from all established reputable providers. It displays both national and regional lenders and only filters out lenders and brokers if they're deemed unreliable for our readers — albeit, one can never guarantee reliability, even with major lenders.

FP's rate table isn't designed to show 30-year amortization rates or insurable rates (i.e. rates for mortgages with 20 per cent equity that meet insurer criteria), but lenders advertising the best insured rates also typically have outstanding insurable rates.

FP's rate page is meant as an objective launchpad for deeper research, one that doesn't arbitrarily leave lenders out just because they don't pay to advertise.

Cutting to the chase: There are other rate comparison sites that didn't make the cut here, in most cases because, in my experience, they don't show substantial value.

Keep in mind, when hunting for a mortgage, relying solely on one rate site, broker, or lender won't be sufficient. To land the best deal, you need to do some legwork and contact multiple providers.

And a crucial reminder: the lowest rate doesn't always translate to the lowest total borrowing cost. The fine print in mortgage contracts can outweigh small rate discrepancies by a long shot. *Financial Post*

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Air Canada strike 'would be devastating' to supply chains, groups say

DENISE PAGLIANAWAN

Business groups have expressed "deep concern" over the looming pilot strike at Air Canada, which they said would significantly disrupt Canada's supply chain.

A disruption would not only affect the thousands of passengers the airline flies daily but also its cargo operations, Air Canada has said.

In response, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce wrote to federal Labour Minister Steven MacKinnon on Wednesday, warning of the impact this would have on businesses' ability to deliver goods to market on time.

"The potential for a labour disruption is alarming, given the wide-reaching implications it would have on Canadians, the na-

tion's economy, supply chains and our global reputation," said the letter signed by 41 business groups and 53 local chambers of commerce.

Signatories include the Canadian Association of Importers and Exporters, Canadian Federation of Independent Business, Retail Council of Canada, along with various industry associations, representing companies in the resource,

energy, retail, and food sectors.

The groups say the effects of a strike at Air Canada will ripple throughout the economy.

"A disruption in this service, however short, would be devastating," the business groups said, "as no other means of transport can meet the stringent time requirements for these products." *Financial Post*

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Capped Energy	25786	+2.10	+0.8	1040668	25894	25553	30777	23069	3.1	+6.5	4.4
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Global Mining	119.03	+3.71	+3.2	1988042	121.10	117.15	120.19	98.17	+4.4	+4.9	+1.5
Global Gold	373.13	+16.01	+4.5	910145	373.01	360.39	378.90	286.35	+5.2	+30.4	+37.1
Capped Industrials	464.40	+5.23	+1.1	105876	464.75	458.06	474.16	373.27	+2.5	+9.9	+14.5
Capped Consumer Disc	28769	+0.65	+0.2	73760	28856	28611	294.41	248.42	+1.4	+5.3	+10.3
Capped Consumer Stap	104157	+11.41	+1.1	63652	104613	102763	104613	809.00	+1.9	+20.3	+24.9
Capped Health Care	25.45	0.08	0.3	13670	25.71	25.45	28.80	19.84	+3.2	+7.3	+5.2
Capped Financials	441.66	+2.69	+0.6	437334	441.66	437.96	441.66	318.78	+2.7	+15.1	+24.9
Capped Info Tech	277.12	+0.18	+0.2	10151	278.63	275.19	275.12	181.15	+1.4	+0.8	+9.1
Capped Telecom	16.16	+0.13	+0.8	10151	16.35	15.77	16.83	144.60	+0.1	3.7	+0.2
Capped Utilities	308.51	+5.10	+1.8	14417	309.12	301.43	309.12	246.40	+2.9	+9.1	+8.4
Capped Real Estate	348.03	+1.10	+0.6	16047	348.18	345.8	348.18	276.93	+1.5	+14.9	+14.9
S&P/TSX Composite	23475.14	+263.97	+1.1	3120489	23483.11	23231.71	23483.11	18692.06	+2.1	+12.0	+16.1
Capped Composite	27197.67	+305.37	+1.1	3120489	27206.91	26915.64	27206.91	21758.13	+2.1	+12.0	+16.1
TSX Unweighted	406.52	+7.31	+1.8	3120489	n.a.	n.a.	410.03	322.36	+2.6	+14.3	+15.3
S&P 100	4420	+13.26	+0.9	191026	4421.24	4399.14	4421.24	1121.19	+1.0	+1.6	+6.4
S&P 500	1581.28	+14.16	+0.9	141026	1581.28	1574.17	1581.28	1121.19	+1.0	+1.6	+6.4
S&P/TSX Completion	1393.50	+26.70	+2.0	1209903	1396.09	1372.75	1418.09	1118.13	+2.4	+13.6	+14.6
S&P 100 SmallCap	786.79	+18.88	+2.5	88014	788.32	777.54	801.67	628.58	+1.4	+12.1	+12.6
Nikkei	215.78	+3.18	+1.5	75446	216.45	214.17	216.45	181.41	+1.3	+8.6	+10.3
Capped Real Estate	175.23	+1.02	+0.6	61757	175.43	173.80	175.43	136.41	+1.0	+8.8	+10.7

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FINANCIAL POST	7081.27	+47.34	+0.7	n.a.	n.a.	7081.27	5,805.98	+16.4
FPX Growth	6,079.57	+29.33	+0.5	n.a.	n.a.	6,079.57	5,805.98	+4.5
FPX Balanced	5,209.94	+16.77	+0.3	n.a.	n.a.	5,209.94	4,464.22	+12.6
TSX VENTURE EXCHANGE	570.60	+9.69	+1.7	571.74	563.18	623.85	506.65	-1.1
DOW JONES	41,096.77	+235.06	+0.6	41,107.15	40,885.51	41,585.21	32,327.70	+18.6
Industrials	10,406.68	+88.4	+0.8	10,416.10	10,317.37	10,416.10	8,417.47	+1.9
Financials	1,041.70	+1.19	+0.1	1,044.35	1,039.40	1,044.35	761.47	+2.1
Composite	13,154.54	+6.59	+0.5	13,158.29	12,999.79	13,282.82	10,364.68	+14.3
NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE	4,096.77	+235.06	+0.6	4,107.15	4,085.51	4,158.21	3,232.70	+18.6
Composite	10,406.68	+88.4	+0.8	10,416.10	10,317.37	10,416.10	8,417.47	+1.9
Industrials	1,041.70	+1.19	+0.1	1,044.35	1,039.40	1,044.35	761.47	+2.1
Financials	13,154.54	+6.59	+0.5	13,158.29	12,999.79	13,282.82	10,364.68	+14.3
NYSE MKT	4,850.86	+64.24	+1.4	4,850.86	4,786.02	5,336.11	4,332.72	+2.3
Major Market	3,778.38	+21.97	+0.6	3,780.89	3,741.52	3,826.63	2,949.62	+18.1
NASDAQ STOCK MARKET	17,569.68	+174.15	+1.0	17,569.68	17,395.53	18,692.07	12,541.96	+27.6
Composite	10,310.51	+108.61	+1.1	10,312.95	10,190.77	10,507.07	7,954.95	+13.1
Industrials	15,848.03	+172.93	+1.1	15,849.73	15,674.17	16,191.76	11,617.39	+31.8
Financials	4,194.46	+27.52	+0.7	4,194.46	4,141.17	4,194.46	2,741.41	+36.4
Banks	11,706.7	+77.88	+0.7	11,706.7	11,628.82	11,706.7	9,761.9	+2.7
Telecomms	6,470.15	+54.44	+0.8	6,470.15	6,414.76	6,470.15	5,113.13	+25.9
100 index	4,281.5	+68.86	+1.6	4,281.5	4,212.68	4,368.85	3,717.8	+15.5
RUSSELL	19,423.07	+185.77	+1.0	19,456.41	19,366.80	20,690.97	14,058.33	+27.0
2000	2,129.43	+25.58	+1.2	2,138.50	2,102.36	2,300.00	1,633.67	+14.8
STANDARD & POOR'S	5,595.76	+41.63	+0.7	5,600.71	5,535.50	5,669.67	4,103.78	+25.4
500 Composite	1,091.07	+7.84	+0.7	1,091.25	1,077.40	1,111.38	813.21	+22.9
Industrials	715.37	+0.91	+0.1	718.70	710.6	718.70	480.41	+27.8
Financials	1,706.7	+77.88	+0.7	1,706.7	1,628.82	1,706.7	9,761.9	+2.7
100 Stocks	2,695.73	+22.77	+0.9	2,699.60	2,665.81	2,758.54	1,932.10	+28.7
VALUE LINE	10,528.74	+98.09	+0.9	10,553.82	10,402.63	10,940.30	8,297.29	+14.0

INTERNATIONAL INDEXES

Index	Close	Net ch	% ch	52wk high	52wk low	Wk %ch
WORLD (MIDDAY)	3578.65	+26.62	+0.8	3659.44	2731.99	n.a.
AUSTRALIA	8291.10	+97.40	+1.2	8340.80	6960.20	+1.3
BRAZIL	134029.43	+647.32	+0.5	137343.96	112531.52	+1.8
BRITAIN	2802.80	+19.20	+0.7	2931.70	2498.90	+0.1
FTSE 100	8240.97	+470.3	+0.6	8445.80	7291.28	+0.1
FT 100	5411.12	+15.15	+0.3	5411.12	484.13	0.1
FT All-Share	4020.17	+34.35	+0.9	4149.65	3425.66	+0.1
CHINA	1492.33	-7.20	-0.5	1936.49	1433.10	-2.4
Shenzhen	2717.12	-4.67	-0.2	3171.15	2702.19	-2.6
GERMANY	18518.39	+188.12	+1.0	18912.57	14687.41	-0.3
HONG KONG	17240.39	+131.68	+0.8	19636.22	14961.18	-1.2
INDIA	82962.71	+1439.55	+1.8	82962.71	63148.15	+0.9
JAPAN	36833.27	+123.50	+0.3	42224.02	30626.88	+0.5
MEXICO	51942.54	+786.78	+1.5	58558.71	43166.92	+0.6
TAIWAN	21653.25	+522.25	+3.0	24390.03	16001.27	+2.2

MARKET DIARIES

	Volume 00s	Prev day 00s	Adv vol 00s	Decl vol 00s	Issues traded
TSX	5806957	4834734	1433	5205755	372
TSX Venture	1604781	1237530	437	865624	236
NEO	229579	268327	1249	160641	379
CSE	487783	411108	227	16410	123
New York	86,156,2	9,144,0	2,27	6,448,0	622
NYSE MKT	167196	109543	189	102698	97
NASDAQ	10646890	12393888	2,643	7058161	1,524

CURRENCIES

Currency	In \$Cdn	Currency	In \$Cdn	Currency	In \$Cdn
Argentina peso	0.0014	Hong Kong dollar	0.0141	Saudi Arabia riyal	0.3621
Aust. aia dollar	0.9126	India rupee	0.0162	Singapore dollar	1.0429
Bahamas dollar	1.3587	Japan yen	0.0046	South Africa rand	0.0782
Brazil real	0.2410	S. Korea won	0.0010	Sweden krona	0.1199
Chile peso	0.0015	Kuwait dinar	4.4489	Switzerland franc	1.5441
Chinese yuan	0.1409	Mexico peso	0.0744	Taiwan dollar	0.0423
Czech koruna	0.0598	Norway krona	0.1266	Thailand baht	0.0406
Denmark krone	0.2013	Pakistan rupee	0.0049	Ukraine hryvnia	0.0329
Dominican peso	0.0227	Philippine peso	0.0242	U.A.E. dirham	0.3699
Egypt pound	0.0281	Poland zloty	0.3506	U.K. pound	1.7798
Euro	1.5022	Russia rouble	0.0152	U.S. dollar	1.3587

NASDAQ

TOP % GAINERS			
	Vol 00s	Ch	Ch
Edgio Inc	90220	2.14	+118.6
visionary Hold	49443	4.42	+127.7
Oblong Inc	40001	6.54	+92.9
Monique Therap	45446	1.15	+64.6
Inet Bio	4749	46.46	+56.7
Mediatech	7018	1.63	+47.8
Tenon Med	4113	4.40	+45.2
Smart for sale	62116	1.11	+42.4
WANG & LEE GRO	1145	1.42	+40.6
NEO	9079	20.84	+30.8

TOP % LOSERS			
	Vol 00s	Ch	Ch
Entas	6766	206.02	-74.9
Pulsom Therap	5413	3.44	-61.1
Mediatech	7018	1.63	-54.1
Oncternal Ther	1218	1.70	-58.0
Ch Eng	19767	0.69	-50.4
Antelope Empr	2415	0.79	-4.7
Univer of Philad	6442	1.67	-45.1
Wheeler RE	2894	4.76	-29.0
Brockway Int'l	16489	1.70	-26.4
Quintadids	9698	1.22	-26.1

NYSE

TOP % GAINERS			
	Vol 00s	Ch	Ch
LiveWire Group	144	6.76	+20.1
Covestor Group	33463	6.85	+14.1
Mediatech	6431	5.10	+16.2
Covestor Group	147	4.04	+13.3
Offerpad Solu	114	4.13	+13.2
Unifin Finl	397	4.60	+12.5
OneConnect Finl	39	1.18	+12.4
First Majestic	20786	5.79	+11.0
Gatos Silver	3953	14.58	+11.8
Signet Jewelers	5462	86.94	+11.3

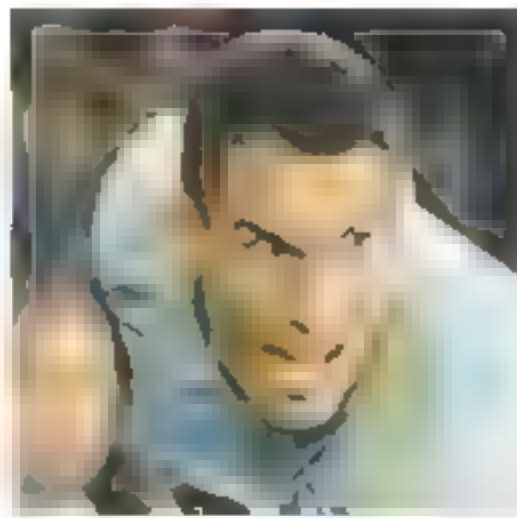
TOP % LOSERS			
	Vol 00s	Ch	Ch
Kuhn Music Midg	24.3	0.46	-30.9
Torontinos	5,889	1.11	-20.4
Caterer Inc	5719	30.23	-18.6
Emerald Holding	617	5.49	-15.8
Pamfines Hold	63	1.10	-1.3
Qwile Inc	945	3.93	-9.7
ESS Tech Inc	309	5.33	-9.4
Rubik AI	14599	30.75	-8.2
Sunrise Power Hldg	1.8	2.62	-8.1
Blacksky Techno	824	6.08	-7.7

TSX VENTURE

TOP % GAINERS		
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MALLO CONVICTED OF SEX ABUSE

Spanish soccer player Hugo Mallo has been convicted of sexual abuse for inappropriately touching a mascot before a La Liga game in 2019, court officials said on Thursday. The former Celta Vigo player inappropriately touched the breasts of the woman who was wearing Espanyol's parakeet costume while players lined up to salute each other before kickoff. A judge sentenced Mallo to a fine of US\$6,600 plus \$1,100 in damages to the victim.



The 33-year-old Mallo, who has denied wrongdoing, can appeal the sentencing. "I continue to categorically deny the facts attributed to me in the ruling," he said. "I acknowledged that while turning around after the greetings that my hand could have touched the waist of the parakeet, but I absolutely denied that it touched the parakeet's breasts." The case was initially dismissed, but that decision was overturned on appeal. *The Associated Press*



Flames goalie Dan Vladar had an .882 save percentage last season, the lowest of his NHL career. He says he's ready to solidify himself as the No. 1 netminder this season. *JIM WELLS FILES*

VLADAR SAYS HE'S PAIN-FREE AFTER MARCH HIP SURGERY

Flames goaltender is the front-runner for No. 1 job now that Markstrom is gone



WES GILBERTSON

How is Dan Vladar feeling as he prepares for the biggest opportunity of his NHL career?

The Calgary Flames goaltender doesn't reply with "good" or "great."

Something better. "I'm pain-free," he reported with a wide smile.

And when was the last time Vladar could say that?

He ponders the question for a moment, as if he's flipping through a calendar in his head, trying to remember the start of that persistent soreness in his hip.

As it worsened, it would even bother him as he was driving or climbing a set of stairs. He's hoping that discomfort is permanently in his rear view mirror after surgery in March.

"I always had my right side a little bit tighter but the last two seasons it was painful a lot," Vladar said. "So then I just spent all my time at the rink to basically warm myself up, just on the right side. I couldn't focus on anything else. So I was just trying to battle through it and then I'm happy we made that decision and I went for it."

"I think for my future, for my career, it was the right decision."

When Flames fans talk about the future at the puck-stopping position, they're mostly howling about prized prospect Dustin Wolf, who capped the 2023-24 campaign by winning four consecutive starts. With Jacob Markstrom traded in June to the New Jersey Devils, the 23-year-old Wolf should finally be a full-timer this fall.

There has also been some excitement about the summer signing of Devin Cooley, who appeared in six games last season with the San Jose Sharks and is projected third on the depth chart in Calgary. The staff at the Saddledome believe the late-blooming Cooley — he turned 27 shortly before joining the Flames on a two-year contract — arrives with plenty of untapped potential.

Just don't forget that Vladar, 27, enters training camp as the front-runner to land the starting job. He was shut down in late March so he could immediately have surgery and be fully recovered for the upcoming campaign. The six-month mark is right around the corner and, as he put it, "that is about the time that I should be 100 per cent and that's how I feel, as well."

I just hope now I'm going to have no limitations and I can just only focus on getting better and getting my team better

"That's what I was working for since Day 1 that I got here," added Vladar, the backup to Markstrom for the past three winters, of the chance to solidify himself as a No. 1 netminder. "I just hope I did everything right and that I'm ready for this opportunity."

For the first time in a long time, likely since the days of Jonas Hiller and Karri Ramo, there's genuine intrigue about who will be tending twine for the Flames on opening night.

Vladar, with 66 big-league

starts to his credit, is the known commodity in this crease competition. And yet, with the revelation that his hip injury had lingered for 24-plus months, you wonder if what we think we know about him is entirely true.

Is it possible that his sub-par stat line last season — including a leaky .882 save percentage, the worst of his career — can be blamed on a wonky hip?

Asked if the injury has hindered his performance, if it's prevented him from maximizing the skill set that led the Flames to target him in a trade in 2021, Vladar refused the easy excuse but didn't exactly rule it out, either.

"It's hard to say, right?" he replied. "I always tried my 100 per cent, so I don't regret anything. Obviously, you don't want to lose your job. You don't want to step away. You just want to keep battling. So everything I've done, I did it 100 per cent, but I just hope now I'm going to have no limitations and I can just only focus on getting better and getting my team better."

The Flames will hit the ice next Thursday for their first training camp sessions, the start of what is undoubtedly the most important season of Vladar's career to date.

A chance to prove he can be a starter in the best league in the world.

A chance to push for a nice payday as he approaches unrestricted free agency. This is the final year of his contract, which carries an annual cap hit of US\$2.2 million.

And the best part — a chance to play pain-free.

It's been a while.

"When I first stepped on the ice, I was a little bit nervous about it," said Vladar, who resumed skating in July. "But it's completely different and it's way better."

"The first thing that comes up in my mind is going down and not feeling any pain. That's gone away, so that's great. I'm super pumped up about that."

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Flames prospect Parekh has had whirlwind summer



DANNY AUSTIN

Think for a second about Zayne Parekh's summer.

First, the 18-year-old won the Memorial Cup with the Saginaw Spirit in early June.

A few days later, he was at the NHL's draft combine.

By the end of the month, he was hearing his name called ninth overall by the Calgary Flames in the 2024 NHL draft.

A week after that, he was skating at the Flames' development camp at WinSport.

In late July and early August, he was skating with Canada at the World Junior Summer Showcase.

Not a lot of downtime for a player who is still a teenager.

To be clear, those are experiences Parekh will cherish for a long time.

There are challenges that come along with a schedule like that, though.

"It's been a tough summer in the sense that, from a development standpoint, it's been so busy," said Ray Edwards, director of player development for the Flames. "With him, it's Memorial Cup, which you want. It's draft combine, development camp, world juniors, we haven't been able to get him for three months of hard training."

"That's been the biggest challenge, but with him, his willingness to buy into what we want him to try to do, he's all in."

Parekh has used his limited time off to work extremely hard. When he was drafted, he was listed at 181 pounds, and on the first day of the Flames' prospects training camp on Thursday, he said he was stepping on the scale at 185.

And there's no doubting the young offensive-minded defenceman's commitment. He showed up a couple weeks early to skate in Calgary with some

of the Flames veterans eager to learn and get a first-hand look at the standard he needs to rise to if and when he's going to play in the NHL.

"For me, I think the biggest thing that I took is just kind of the culture here," Parekh said of his time skating with the veterans in Calgary. "Everyone's so kind and open and for a young 18-year-old to come in and step in with a bunch of older guys and for them to treat me as just another guy, it means everything."

The big question surrounding Parekh is how long it's going to take for him to be skating with those Flames veterans in NHL games.



Zayne Parekh

He'll be playing at the annual NHL Young Stars Classic, which kicks off for the prospects when they take on their Winnipeg Jets counterparts on Friday. The game will be streamed live on the team's website.

From there, it will be Parekh's first NHL training camp.

Chances are, he'll be returning to the OHL for another season with the Spirit once that's over.

Parekh's a young defenceman with time on his side and it won't do him the slightest bit of harm to spend another year chasing another championship in junior.

"I'm obviously trying to get better every day and do my thing, but staying patient," Parekh said. "I'm not going to step in the league next year and be a point-per-game defenceman, there's got to be a lot of patience there and trusting your process and leaning back on the people you love."

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Northern Super League now taking ticket deposits

NEIL DAVIDSON

The fledgling Northern Super League got an early feel for its appeal starting Thursday, with all six clubs now taking deposits for season tickets.

The women's pro soccer league, set to kick off in April, is offering fans a first crack at a season ticket if they put down \$50 per seat. Seat selection priority, likely in October, will be determined by the order in which deposits are received.

The deposit is not refundable but if not used for a season ticket can be used for a credit for a single-game ticket or other ticket packages as they are made available.

League president Christina Litz called the start of the season-ticket deposit campaign "a very important step in our fan evolution."

"We're all excited to see how this goes. But look, we're here for the long haul," she said. "I think it's really important that as we see these bursts of excitement around

women's sports and new leagues and new teams, we have to keep the perspective that long-term fan growth and the development of the league takes time.

"We have a group of owners at our clubs who are committed to building, so this takes many, many steps. But suffice to say we're not going anywhere. This is the beginning of professional women's soccer in Canada and we're not going back."

In its inaugural season, the NSL will feature Vancouver Rise FC, Calgary Wild FC, AFC Toronto, Ottawa Rapid FC, Halifax Tides FC and a Montreal franchise that has yet to reveal its full name. Each club will play host to two or three home games in the inaugural 2025 season.

Halifax has already started accepting ticket deposits.

"If Halifax is any sign of the enthusiasm... the market is ready for this and excited," said Litz.

"That being said, I know how hard it is to sell a ticket these days

in the world of sports. There's a lot of competition for that share of attention and share of wallet," added Litz. "So everybody is really mindful that you can't take that for granted, that you have to make sure that your building and experience and package is really fan-first, fan-focused."

The new league is owned equally by the clubs, with co-founder Diana Matheson's Project 8 group also holding an ownership share. Matheson, a former Canadian international, is the league's chief growth officer. Each team will play a 25-game regular season schedule, facing the other clubs five times. The top four sides will make the playoffs, with No. 1 playing No. 4 and No. 2 taking on No. 3 in two-legged semifinals, followed by a stand-alone championship game.

The league is looking at an initial \$1.6-million salary cap for each team, covering rosters numbering 20 to 25. As it currently stands, there will be an additional cap on player benefits such as housing



Diana Matheson, centre, CEO of Northern Super League co-owner Project 8, is flanked by co-founders Isabelle Chevalier and Jean-Francois Crevier. The league has six clubs: Vancouver Rise FC, Calgary Wild FC, AFC Toronto, Ottawa Rapid FC, Halifax Tides FC and a Montreal franchise. CHRISTINA MUSCHI/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILES

and transportation.

Franchises will be allowed up to seven foreign players. The league also allows teams one marquee player, whose salary will not count against the cap.

AFC Toronto will play out of York Lions Stadium while Ottawa Rapid FC is playing at TD Place and Calgary Wild FC at McMahon Stadium. Halifax is working with the city to make Wanderers Ground its home while Montreal and Vancouver Rise FC have yet to announce where they will play their games.

ute goal lifted defending champion Spain to a 2-1 comeback victory over Canada on Wednesday in round-of-16 play at the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup.

Lucia Moral was the provider, chesting down a cross to put Lloris behind the defence in a crowded Canadian penalty box.

The underdog Canadians gave Spain all they could handle in the second half, leading 1-0 with Spain's defence breached for the first time at the tournament. But Spain answered minutes later and then pulled ahead in the dying minutes.

Captain Silvia Lloris' 81st min-

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Mike Rose scored the first touchdown for the Stampeders defence this season in last week's loss to the Edmonton Elks. **DARREN MAKOWICHUK**

STAMPS DEFENCE AIMING TO GET BACK ON TRACK

League-leading Alouettes will be tough test for club mired in four-game losing streak



TODD SÆLTHOF

They say defence wins championships

The Calgary Stampeders simply want their defence to help win them games these days.

But it hasn't happened in a while for the red and white defence, particularly in the last four games, all losses.

"I don't think anything's changed," said Stampeders veteran defensive back Brandon Dozier. "It's just the game of football is just rhythm and flows. And right now, we're out of sync. Coach has had us attacking the ball (in practice), so we're just trying to get that rhythm back."

"It's about us as a defence trying to get back in our flow."

They'll need that in big waves on Saturday, when the Stamps (4-8) host the Montreal Alouettes (10-2) — the top team in the CFL — at McMahon Stadium (5 p.m., TSN, QR Calgary).

The Horsemen not only need their defence to help them stop the sinking ship, but they need it to stay afloat for a playoff spot. They sit three points back of the Saskatchewan Roughriders, who are holders of the third and final post-season position in the CFL's West Division and are idle this week.

"Nobody's down right now," Dozier said. "In football you can't be down. Everybody comes back to work every single day ready to work. As long as we do that, all we can do is go up."

Easier said than done with the Stamps seemingly down across the board after losing both ends of their Labour Day set with the arch-rival Edmonton Elks.

Though the offence sputtered in both, failing to score a touch-

down in either game, the defence didn't amount to much either, surrendering 72 combined points and a whopping 1,011 combined yards.

Ugly, for sure.

"Tough times create tough people," Stamps all-star defensive lineman Mike Rose told Stamps TV. "So hopefully these tough times will make people stronger and want to be better players and want to come out here and win."

Rose is doing what he can.

In fact, the unit captain helped the Stamps break away from being the only team in the league this season without a major from its defence in last Saturday's loss to the host Elks.

He picked off quarterback McLeod Bethel-Thompson and ran it back for six points in the fourth quarter at Commonwealth Stadium.

"I don't know — he just threw the ball right to me, so I caught it," a surprised Rose told Stamps TV of his first CFL pick-six. "I'm glad I caught it, because I don't know if I've got hands like that (usually)."

"I just saw him throw it and I just caught it. There was nothing

exciting about it. I just caught it."

And then he rumbled 83 yards for the remarkable touchdown and the only highlight of the 37-16 loss for the Stampeders.

The big play — with assists from Dozier and Micah Awe to hurry the Elks QB — did help the score look a touch more respectable for the Stamps, though it was the team's only visit to pay dirt during the contest.

All in all, the result took away from Rose ranking it high among his list of football highlights.

"Well, if it was a win, it would be (number) one," said last year's sack leader for the Stamps. "But I'll say (number) nine, because we lost."

The hope is he — or any of his defensive teammates — can score another on Saturday and get a victory to go with it.

"It's about going back to the basics," said Dozier, remaining upbeat in the face of criticism. "It's paying attention to detail and everybody doing their 1/12th (of the team work) and focusing on their job every single play."

"Sometimes I feel like we're trying almost too hard, which is just kind of weird to say," added

Stamps general manager, head coach Dave Dickenson, applying that to his entire team. "But it's like the old adage in hockey that a guy hasn't scored goals in a while and he's squeezing his stick too hard. Just be yourself, but bring that extra energy and look in the mirror, too."

SHORT YARDAGE: Despite the loss, a humbled Dozier talked highly this week about his 100th CFL game last Saturday. "It means a lot. I'm not somebody that's big into accolades and all that. But that one actually meant something to me. Just to show the longevity to make it to that mark was actually pretty cool." After being sidelined by injury, QB Matt Shultz (ankle), OL D'Antne Demery (hand), DL Eliot Graham (ankle) and a starting CB Tre Roberson (quad) have all been cleared for Saturday's game ... Listed as questionable are WR Ishmael Hyman (hamstring), DL Josiah Coatney (knee) and starting safety Bentlee Sanders (hamstring) ... DB Malcolm Thompson has been ruled out against the Alouettes tsaelthof@postmedia.com www.calgaryherald.com/ToddSaelthofPM

DeRozan says he could have led Raptors to title



RYAN WOLSTAT
Toronto

DeMar DeRozan is sticking to his story

The former Toronto Raptors star believes he would have led the franchise to an NBA title had he not been traded for Kawhi Leonard and it appears you can't change his mind on that fact.

DeRozan, the all-time Raptors leader in points and games played, told ESPN's Stephen A. Smith this week that he thinks the 2018-19 Raptors still would have won it all had they not dealt DeRozan, Jakob Poeltl and a draft pick for Leonard and starting shooting guard Danny Green.

"The only person we couldn't beat was LeBron (James)."

DeRozan told Smith. "That's just what it was. And I felt off the year we had before, we just needed one more piece to push us over the top. And that piece came to be LeBron going to the West."

James, who led his Cleveland Cavaliers to three series wins in a row against the Raptors, two of them sweeps, left for the Los

Angeles Lakers after the 2017-18 season.

The final sweep included DeRozan being benched for the final 14 minutes of Game 3 (which ended with the Raptors rallying with DeRozan sitting and James hitting a ridiculous one-handed game-winner) and his ejection late in the third quarter of Game 4 after committing a flagrant foul, borne out of frustration. That was the final game for DeRozan and head coach Dwane Casey as Raptors.

But DeRozan's confidence has helped get him this far. It's made him one of the most devastating scorers in the NBA, a three-time all-NBA player (twice on the second team) and six-time all-star, so maybe it's not surprising he believes only James held his Raptors teams back. Toronto went 4-2 with DeRozan in play-off series against non-LeBron opponents, winning the final four non-LeBron series during his time in Toronto.

However, unlike Leonard, a two-time NBA Finals MVP with one of the more impressive play-off resumés in the history of the sport, DeRozan has traditionally played worse in the playoffs than in the regular season. He shot 41 per cent as a Raptor in the playoffs, compared with 45 per cent in the regular season.

DeRozan had said before his trade to San Antonio that he was ready to improve his defence and help take the Raptors to another level. In an interview with then new head coach Nick Nurse just a week before the deal, Nurse discussed with Postmedia how he had challenged DeRozan.

"I wouldn't make the comments if I thought he was shying away from it," Nurse said at the time.

"We sat down, he's on the edge of his seat saying, 'What do you got for me.' I was like, 'Well' ... and I start in and he finishes my sentence. I know I'm better than that. I want to work at it."

From there, Nurse gave DeRozan a plan and added: "I don't expect you to be Bruce Bowen (by) Game 1, but by the time the playoff hits, we've got to have you (defending) because there's no place we can hide you," Nurse said.

"And he's totally down, he's got the ability physically, he knows what he's doing. We've got to make a plan and a long-term plan and stick with it a little bit."

A week later, all of that became moot and DeRozan never got the chance to prove things had changed.

DeRozan is back in the spotlight with the release of his new memoir *Above the Noise*, which was co-written with Toronto sports journalist Dave Zarum. The book details his youth in Compton, Calif., his struggles with depression and desire to speak openly about it, as well as his basketball career.

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Leafs rookies Chadwick, Mayes aim to open eyes

Both players are out to prove they're better than their late draft positions

LANCE HORNBY

TORONTO When you're drafted in Round 6 and beyond, the road to the NHL seems like a distant galaxy.

Noah Chadwick and Nathan Mayes intend to bring that dream a little closer this week at Maple Leaf rookie camp. Mayes's story is already a well-documented underdog tale, the last player chosen this past June, 225th overall in Round 7 from the WHL Spokane Chiefs. Chadwick was the last of three players Toronto selected in 2023, in the sixth round at 185, with so many picks traded away.

But Chadwick, now captain of the Lethbridge Hurricanes, is also a 6-foot-4 defenceman on a team needing both size and homegrown talent. Ditto for Mayes at 6-3.

"It doesn't matter at the end of

the day, first round or wherever you're drafted," Chadwick said Wednesday at the Ford Centre. "I'm super thankful that Brad (general manager Treliving) and the Leafs took a chance on me and I'm sure Mayes is feeling the same thing. I just look forward to proving them right."

Chadwick ended his season with a one-game appearance for the AHL Marlies, believing he's grown into his body as he gets more experience.

"I've put on more muscle and I'm feeling better on the ice."

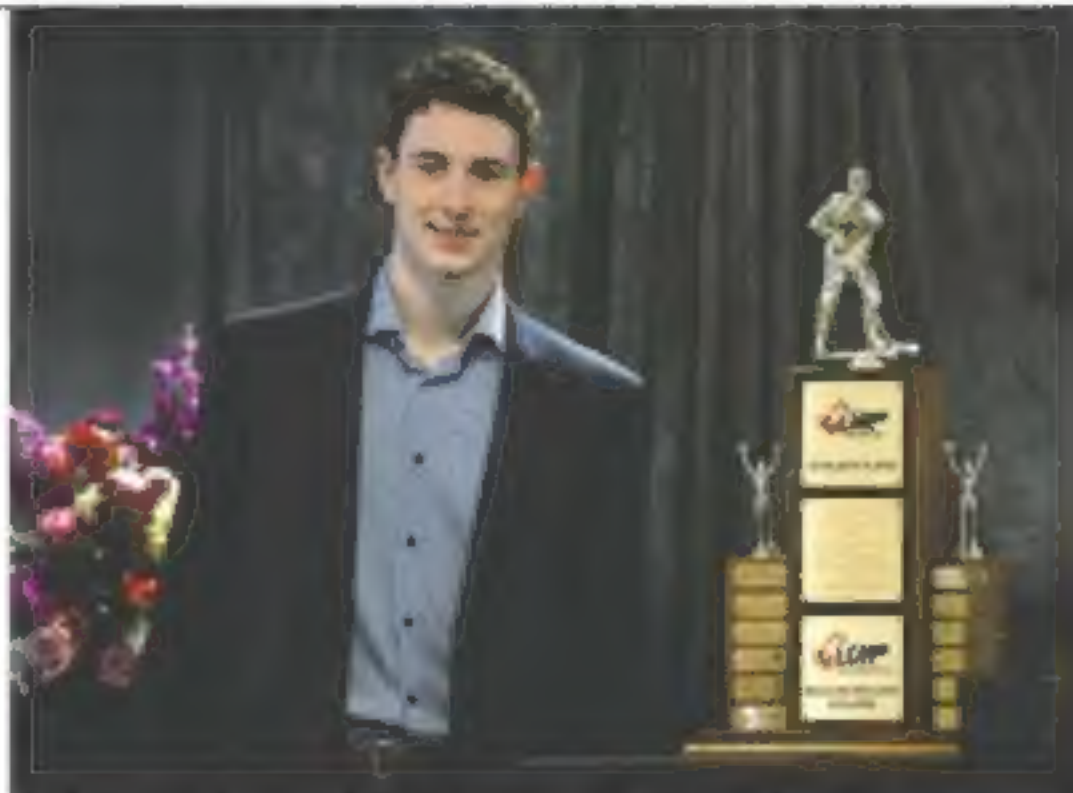
Marlies coach John Gruden, who is running this three-day camp that ends with two exhibitions against Montreal's rookies at the Bell Centre on the weekend, has a wide variety of wannabes among 15 forwards, eight defencemen and three goalen-

ders. They include first rounders Easton Cowan and Ben Danford and second rounders Fraser Minten and Roni Hirvonen.

There's not a lot Gruden can tell Chadwick and Mayes they don't realize already about being considered long shots.

"First rounders naturally get longer looks," Gruden said. "But once you're all in the same locker-room and fighting for the same jobs, no one looks at what round you were drafted. It's if the guy is ready or he's working on the things he needs to be a good pro and a good teammate."

"Chadwick, I've noticed a big difference in him in terms of his strength in just one year. That stood out and his skating had another gear as well. I've been around a lot of good defencemen and he's still too young for me and lots to learn, but what sticks out to me is he's working on those things. Any kid, if they have those visions, that work ethic and they take care of themselves, the sky's the limit."



Noah Chadwick says he's "put on more muscle" since he was drafted by the Leafs in 2023. DUANE BURLESON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

LOOSE LEAPS

If Leaf tryout Max Pacioretty makes the team when main camp opens next week, does he stick with his well-known sweater 67? That 'heavy' number represents the last year Toronto won a Stanley Cup and might leave him open to ridicule. Only Slovak defenceman Robert Svehla wore it for a full season in 2002-03 and forward Brandon Kozun for 20 games in 2014-15 ... NHL dates to note this coming season; team rosters must be in Oct. 7, there's an 11-day hiatus for the 4 Nations Face-Off from Feb. 10-22 and this season's trade deadline is March 7 ... Gruden and his rookie camp staff have three Russians this week, forward Nikita Grebenkin and goaltenders Vyacheslav Peksa and Artur Akhtyamov, so communication can be a challenge.

The goalies have come a long way in that department since July development camp. "I think they understand -- though sometimes it's selective understanding," laughed Gruden. "But for the most part, they do a really good job and I like the fact they feel they can come and ask us questions. That can be hard when you speak another language."

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Merritt, B.C.'s Roger Sloan entered play Thursday 173rd in the FedEx Cup fall standings. The top 125 players at the end of the RSM Classic on Nov. 24 will have full PGA Tour membership next season with Nos. 126-150 retaining conditional status. LINDSEY WASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP FILES

Sloan primed to chase PGA Tour card this fall

B.C. golfer says he is using analytics of shot data to improve his scoring

JOHN CHIDLEY-HILL

The chase for the remaining PGA Tour cards for the 2025 season begins Thursday at the Procore Championship.

Roger Sloan of Merritt, B.C., is one of the players hunting to stay on the tour in the FedEx Cup fall mini-season, and he's using every tool at his disposal to secure one of the 55 remaining full cards or 25 spots with conditional status for next year. That includes relying on analytics to help him better strategize on the course.

"My focus is doing what I can possibly do, controlling what I can do to be the best golfer that I can be," said Sloan. "I'm looking forward to this fall schedule, some good tournaments."

"There's a lot of travel involved in the fall schedule, but it's an exciting time for us. I'm really looking forward to it."

The FedEx Cup fall circuit is eight PGA Tour events that lets players lock up or improve their positions in priority ranking and secure additional playing opportunities for the next year, which begins at the Sentry on Jan. 2.

Only players ranked 51st or higher in the FedEx Cup standings through the playoffs can earn points in the fall months, meaning Taylor Pendrith (14th)

of Richmond Hill, Ont., Corey Connors (39th) of Listowel, Ont., and Adam Hadwin (47th) of Abbotsford, B.C., have no need to play. Golfers ranked Nos. 51-70 in the FedEx Cup regular standings also already have their cards for next season, but can earn spots in the first two signature events after the Sentry.

I think I'm more dialed into making strategy changes, how I play a golf course.

Sloan entered play Thursday at Silverado Resort's North Course in Napa, Calif., 173rd in the FedEx Cup fall standings. The top 125 players at the end of the RSM Classic on Nov. 24 will have full membership next season with Nos. 126-150 retaining conditional status.

"Got ... back out here on the PGA Tour," said Sloan, who played on the second-tier Korn Ferry Tour in 2023. "I think I'm more dialed

into making strategy changes, how I play a golf course.

"Basically using a lot of ShotLink data and using the statistics to improve the strategy. I've started to see in the last several months that some of the numbers underneath the surface are rapidly improving."

The ShotLink System is a data platform for collecting and disseminating scoring and statistical data on every shot by every PGA Tour player in real time. In practical terms, it allows golfers to better understand the odds of making certain shots in recurring situations.

"It's not like we're trying to find, you know, a better swing path or better release or anything mechanical," said Sloan. "This is literally just the decision-making of each and every shot from certain points on the golf course."

"It's pretty neat to be able to make those adjustments, the improvements in certain statistical categories, without really ever touching the putting stroke or the full swing, or any of the mechanics."

For Sloan, it's meant changing his strategy in two areas.

"One is par-3 strategy and then the second is my strategy into the green beyond 150 yards from the rough," he said. "Those are two categories that I've given a lot of strokes back to the field, and just adjusting those strategies, I've seen an incredible improvement in my par-3 scoring average and my strokes gained to the green has

improved dramatically. And again, we haven't touched the golf swing."

"What it boils down to, for me personally in those two areas, was I'm ultra-aggressive. I'm way too aggressive in those areas where I just need to back off a little bit."

Connors will be in the field at the Procore Championship, as will Presidents Cup International teammate Mackenzie Hughes of Hamilton, who is 52nd in the FedEx entering play on Thursday.

Nick Taylor (58th) of Abbotsford, Adam Svensson (75th) of Surrey, B.C., Ben Silverman (107th) of Thornhill, Ont., and Mike Weir of Sarnia, Ont., will also tee it up.

Rory McIlroy doesn't view the made-for-TV match between stars from the PGA Tour and LIV Golf as a message, more like a glimpse of the possibilities of what can happen, and what has been missing in golf since the great divide.

McIlroy and Scottie Scheffler are playing against Brooks Koepka and Bryson DeChambeau in December in Las Vegas. The only times they have competed in the same field this year were in the four majors.

McIlroy, once a fierce opponent of Saudi-funded LIV Golf, has been bullish about finding a solution to bring the top players together more often.

"It's more we wanted to do something that, I guess, all golf fans could get excited about," McIlroy said.

"It's a way to show golf fans in the world that this is what could happen or these are the possibilities going forward. I've been saying this for a long time. I think golf and golf fans (should) get to see us together more than four times a year."

"(It's) hopefully ... a sign of things to come in the future."

With files from The Associated Press

IN BRIEF

Canada rolls past Finland in Davis Cup

Canada's top male tennis players have topped Finland 3-0 at the Davis Cup.

Denis Shapovalov of Richmond Hill, Ont., beat Eero Vasa 7-6 (2), 6-2 in the day's first singles match.

Montreal's Felix Auger-Aliassime then dispatched Otto Virtanen 6-2, 6-3 in the second singles match.

Finally, Shapovalov and Auger-Aliassime teamed up to best Virtanen and Harri Heliövaara 6-2, 7-5 in doubles play.

It's the second consecutive group-stage tie Canada has won after beating Argentina 2-1 on Tuesday.

Canada, the lone seeded team in Group D, will face host Britain on Sunday in Manchester.

Meanwhile, Canada's Marina Stakusic, 19, and Valeria Savinykh of Russia have been bounced out of the Guadalajara Open.

The pair lost in straight sets 6-2, 6-4 to Oksana Kalashnikova and Kamilla Rakhimova in the women's doubles quarterfinals.

Michael Woods thought Father Time had finally come calling.

Instead, he's winning Grand Tour stages — and hungry for a big result at home.

The 37-year-old from Ottawa rides into this weekend's Montreal cycling Grand Prix as a recent Spanish Vuelta stage winner despite dealing with an early-season illness that had him struggling at the Giro d'Italia and considering calling it quits.

"I thought I was just getting old," said Woods, who suffered mild concussion symptoms from a crash and has been battling Helicobacter pylori — a bacterial stomach infection.

Woods became the third Canadian to win a Tour de France stage last year and then triumphed on the mountainous 13th stage of La Vuelta on Aug. 30. It was his third career stage win in Spain.

Woods also finished 41st in the road race at last month's Paris Olympics.

"(That's) something I'm really proud of."

The race is set for Sunday, while Quebec City's event takes place Friday. The two races are the only North American events on the UCI World Tour.

Woods, who will race only in Montreal, joins fellow Canadians Derek Gee of Ottawa, Hugo Houle of Sainte-Perpetue, Que., and Guillaume Bolvin of Montreal in the peloton. All four cyclists ride for Israel-Premier Tech.

French judicial authorities are investigating the disappearance of two Paralympic athletes from Congo who recently competed in the Paris Games, the prosecutor's office confirmed on Thursday.

Prosecutors opened the investigation on Sept. 7, after members of the athletes' delegation warned authorities of their disappearance two days before.

Shot putter Mireille Nganga and Emmanuel Grace Mouambako, a visually impaired sprinter who was accompanied by a guide, went missing on Sept. 5, along with a third person.

The athletes' suitcases were also gone, but their passports remained with the Congolese delegation, according to an official with knowledge of the investigation.

Postmedia wire services

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East	W	L	Pct	GB	Central	W	L	Pct	GB	West	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	84	62	.575	—	Cleveland	84	63	.571	—	Houston	78	68	.534	—
Baltimore	83	64	.565	1.5	Kansas City	80	67	.544	4	Seattle	74	72	.507	4
Boston	74	72	.507	10	Minnesota	78	68	.534	5.5	Texas	70	76	.479	8
Tampa Bay	72	75	.490	12.5	Detroit	75	72	.530	9	Oakland	64	83	.435	14.5
Toronto	69	78	.469	15.5	Chicago	33	114	.224	51	Los Angeles	60	86	.411	18

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East	W	L	Pct	GB	Central	W	L	Pct	GB	West	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	88	58	.603	—	Milwaukee	83	62	.572	—	Los Angeles	87	59	.596	—
New York	80	66	.548	8	Chicago	75	71	.514	8.5	Arizona	82	64	.562	5
Atlanta	79	67	.541	9	St. Louis	74	72	.507	9.5	San Diego	82	65	.558	5.5
Washington	65	81	.445	23	Cincinnati	71	77	.480	13.5	San Francisco	72	74	.493	16
Miami	55	92	.374	33.5	Pittsburgh	70	76	.479	13.5	Colorado	55	92	.374	32.5

CFL

East	W	L	T	F	A	P	Week 15
Montreal	12	10	2	0	332	269	20
Ottawa	12	8	3	1	314	310	17
Toronto	12	6	6	0	331	325	12
Hamilton	12	3	9	0	330	388	6

West	G	W	L	T	F	A	P	Ottawa at Hamilton, 1 p.m.
Winnipeg	13	7	6	0	295	274	14	Montreal at Calgary, 5 p.m.
British Columbia	13	7	6	0	335	317	14	
Saskatchewan	13	5	7	1	333	330	11	Week 16
Edmonton	13	5	6	0	385	342	10	Bye: British Columbia
Calgary	12	4	8	0	282	362	8	Friday, Sept. 20

x — clinched playoff berth. Note: Two points awarded for a win, one for a tie.

Byes: Edmonton, Saskatchewan and Winnipeg
Friday's game
Toronto at British Columbia, 8 p.m.
Saturday's games
Ottawa at Hamilton, 1 p.m.
Montreal at Calgary, 5 p.m.
Week 16
Bye: British Columbia
Friday, Sept. 20
Hamilton at Toronto, 5 p.m.
Saskatchewan at Calgary, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 21
Montreal at Ottawa, 1 p.m.
Winnipeg at Edmonton, 5 p.m.

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	1	0	0	1.000	34	28	Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	18	10
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	20	17	Baltimore	0	1	0	.000	20	27
New England	1	0	0	1.000	16	10	Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	10	16
N.Y. Jets	0	1	0	.000	19	32	Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	17	33
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	1	0	0	1.000	29	27	Kansas City	1	0	0	1.000	27	20
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	27	29	L.A. Chargers	1	0	0	1.000	22	10
Jacksonville	0	1	0	.000	17	20	Denver	0	1	0	.000	20	26
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	17	24	Las Vegas	0	1	0	.000	10	22

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	1	0	0	1.000	33	17	Chicago	1	0	0	1.000	24	17
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	34	29	Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	26	20
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	6	28	Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	28	6
Washington	0	1	0	.000	20	37	Green Bay	0	1	0	.000	29	34
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	47	10	San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	32	19
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	37	20	Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	26	20
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	10	18	Arizona	0	1	0	.000	28	34
Carolina	0	1	0	.000	10	47	L.A. Rams	0	1	0	.000	20	26

A TRIBUTE TO THE BEATER CAR

Meant to remind gearheads of our first car — or at least a delightfully charming beater which just kept running in the face of constant misuse — this so-called Not Wheels by Mattel and an art collective called MSCHF is a great homage to those machines which got most of us through our early years behind the wheel. Mismatched panels? Check. Bondo on the front wheel arch? Check. Dirty windows with “WASH ME” drawn on them? Definitely check. Even the packaging gets into the shtick, declaring the car is “Used for 2024!” and “not totalled yet.” Excellent.

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The third-generation Audi Q5 and SQ5 are more streamlined than previous versions, with a slimmer design and vertical nose to improve aerodynamics. PHOTOS: AUDI

THE NEXT GENERATION

2025 Audi Q5 and SQ5 feature a new sleek appearance, but keep their familiar character

JIL MCINTOSH

Audi may be delving deep into electricity, but it's not giving up gasoline just yet. That includes its all-new 2025 Q5, now moving into its new third generation. We haven't yet been behind the wheel, but we got a sneak preview of Audi's popular model at a closed event in Munich recently.

This was a global reveal and so we don't have the full story on all the Canada-specific information; that'll come closer to the Q5's launch expected later this year, along with its pricing. But we'll tell you what we know now on the 2025 Q5, and yes, there will be an SQ5 as well.

The Q5 is the last of three models we saw at the reveal, following the A5 sedan and A6 e-tron. Audi is changing the way it names its vehicles: While “A” still indicates a car and “Q” an SUV, those are now followed by an even number if the vehicle is electric and an odd number for gasoline. While some models will be switching their badges to a new number, the Q5 was gasoline and still is, and so Q5 it was and Q5 it shall remain.

WHAT'S NEW ON THE OUTSIDE?

This third-generation Q5 occupies the same wheelbase as the outgoing version, but it's on an entirely new platform that's dubbed the Premium Platform Combustion (PPC). It's slipping under other upcoming models as well, including that new 2025 A5 sedan — a “low floor” version of it is used for cars and a “high floor” one for SUVs. The underpinning for battery vehicles is the corresponding Premium Platform Electric, or PPE. As with the current



The interior features diamond-quilt upholstery and an infotainment screen.

Q5, the new one will be built in Audi's facility in San José Chiapa, Mexico.

This next-gen model is still unmistakably a Q5, but with enough differences to tell the world it's new. It's more streamlined and looks slimmer, primarily because Audi's designers used the “rule of thirds” — two-thirds of the vehicle below the beltline, one-third taken up by the windows and roof. The nose is more vertical and the rear window is at a steeper angle.

The design improves aerodynamics, including its front air curtains and deflectors, underbody cladding and rear spoiler. The rear diffuser is integrated into the fascia — Audi calls it an “island” — and with rectangular tailpipes on the Q5 and round ones on the SQ5. Globally it will offer wheel sizes from 17 to 21 inches, although we can expect our rims in the upper numbers.

The new lighting is the most noticeable, with new and slim-

mer headlights. The rear features three-dimensional tail lights within the full-width housing strip. They include proximity warnings, which flash red triangles if pedestrians or cyclists get too close. The third brakelight reflects in the rear window, and on Canadian models, it will spell out “Quattro,” the automaker's name for its all-wheel drive (AWD).

WHAT'S NEW ON THE INSIDE?

The equally new A5 sedan features textile on its dash and touchpoints, and the A6 e-tron has a padded “softwrap” from door to door, but the Q5 is more utilitarian than those and that's intentional — still a luxury vehicle, but it's definitely an SUV. The cabin design is chunkier and with diamond-quilt upholstery materials that include sustainable textiles, some partially made with recycled polyester or plastic fibres.

As with the new A5 and A6 e-tron,

the interior focus is on the new “Digital Stage,” as Audi is calling its stretch of curved screens tucked into a panel at the bottom of the dash. These consist of an 11.9-inch digital instrument cluster and 14.5-inch centre touchscreen, packed behind a single piece of glass, and an available 10.9-inch screen for the front passenger, which can be used for entertainment or to assist with certain functions shared with the driver, such as navigation. The screen displays only for the passenger and appears black to the driver to avoid distraction.

The infotainment system is Audi's Multi-Media Interface, or MMI. The voice control assistant will constantly learn through AI and will be able to handle an estimated 800 functions. Features will include an available 685-watt Bang & Olufsen sound system with 16 speakers and a configurable heads-up display tied into the steering wheel buttons, so drivers can use the buttons for functions such as phone calls or entertainment while looking at the heads-up to see what it is those buttons are doing. Climate controls are handled by icons at the bottom of the centre screen, although some functions, such as drive modes and stereo volume, use toggles and dials.

Up front, small-item storage is handled by cubbies and a larger-than-before console bin. There are two USB-C ports up front and two in the rear, and the wireless phone charger is cooled. The rear seat reclines and can be folded to provide up to 1,473 litres of cargo space.

WHAT POWERS THE 2025 AUDI Q5?

We will get two engine choices at launch, although all their finalized

power outputs and fuel efficiency haven't yet been revealed.

The entry engine is a 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder that's expected to pump out 268 horsepower — it's the same engine as is offered now, but with more power.

The SQ5 will use a turbocharged 3.0 L V-6 as it does now, but it looks like it will get a power boost as well, with Audi's German headquarters reporting 362 h.p. and 406 pound-feet of torque across global markets.

Both will use an automatic seven-speed dual-clutch automatic transmission, and Quattro AWD will be standard. The Q5 will also include an adaptive air suspension, selective dampers, progressive steering and a trailer manoeuvre assistant for towing.

Globally, the Q5 will also come with a 2.0 L diesel engine, which we obviously won't get, and as a plug-in hybrid (PHEV).

Oddly, while the Q5 is available as the PHEV here for 2024 — known as the Q5 TFSIe — Audi Canada has confirmed that it won't be returning under the hood of this new 2025 Q5.

As with our previous reports on the A5 and A6 e-tron, this was only a look at a static display and not a chance to drive it. The makeover gives the Q5 a sleek and updated appearance while still keeping its familiar character. The interior looks long-distance comfortable, it retains its cargo-friendly practicality and the “wall-o-screens” across the dash will appeal to those who like their technology up front.

We'll convey our further impressions as soon as we get behind the wheel of this next-generation Audi Q5.

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2025 Hyundai Ioniq 5 adds a rear wiper

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There are lots of shiny new aspects to the 2025 Hyundai Ioniq 5 — including a pretty cool, made-in-America, off-road version called the XRT — but for me, the most important addition is that rather pedestrian rear wiper. Why? Well, the original model didn't have one for some inexplicable reason, and if it had one the Ioniq 5 would have received my vote for 2022 EV of the year. Seems

like a small thing, but despite protestations by Hyundai engineers and designers, the idea that air channelled down across the rear windshield would keep it clear in a Canadian winter simply did not work. So, a good old-fashioned wiper has been fitted.

But there is much more to get excited about in this refreshed all-electric vehicle, such as that rugged XRT version, increased battery capacity and range, and the addition of a North Ameri-

can Charging Standard (NACS) charging port on the XRT, and an adapter for other Ioniq 5 models, which opens up Tesla's massive North American super-charging infrastructure to Ioniq 5 owners.

No range figures have been released for the XRT trim, but we do know the dual motor XRT model will come with a big 84.0 kWh battery, a suspension lift with unique tuning, all-terrain tires, unique front and rear fascias, etched dig-



ital camouflage cladding, black window surround trim, bigger approach and departure angles, and front tow hooks.

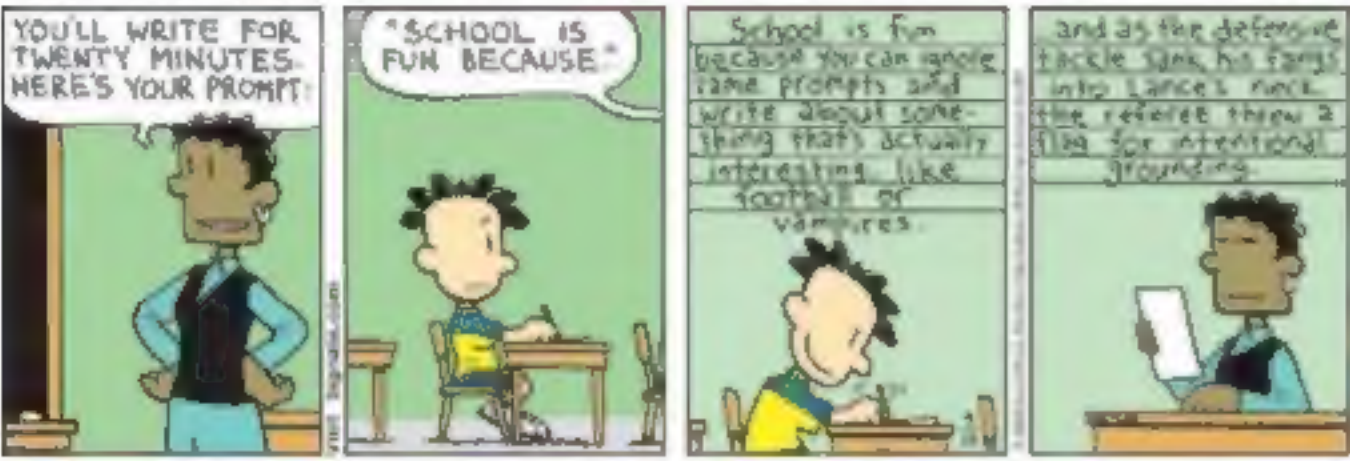
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The 2025 Ioniq 5's XRT version will feature a suspension lift and all-terrain tires. HYUNDAI

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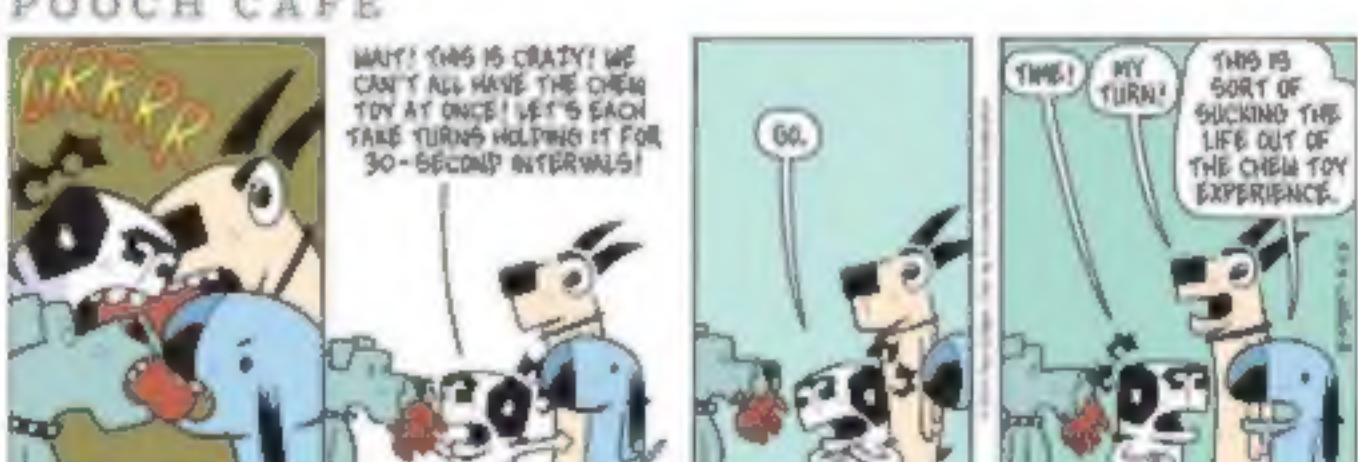
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